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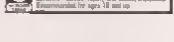
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RED RIVER is rated T for older teens.
CONTENT: violence, nudity, and mature situations.
Recommended for ages 16 and up.

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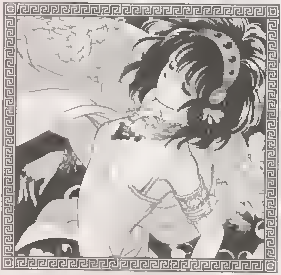
Yuri was an ordinary junior high student until the day she was sucked into a puddle on the street and emerged in the ancient Hittite Empire! Evil Queen Nakia had used her magic to throw Yuri across time and space as a sacrifice. Rescued by the handsome but arrogant Prince Kail, Yuri is taken to live in his palace as his concubine. All she wants is to return to her home, but that can only happen if three conditions are met: she must have the help of a sorceress equal to the queen—which Prince Kail turns out to be; all seven of Hattusa's springs must fill with water; and Yuri must wear the clothes she had on when she was kidnapped.

Yuri steals into the queen's palace with Kail's young servant, Tito, to retrieve her clothes. But they walk into an ambush, and the queen's barbarian servant, Zuwa, captures them. Tito helps Yuri break free, only to be killed by Zuwa. When the chance finally arrives for Yuri to go home, she passes it up, vowing to stay and avenge Tito's death. Soon thereafter, she accompanies Kail on a mission to liberate Tito's home city of Alinne from the Kashuga hordes, and is attacked by Tito's sisters. When she falls into the hands of Zuwa, Yuri discovers that the trouble in Alinne was part of a plot hatched by the queen. Yuri escapes from Zuwa, only to encounter Tales, Tito's father.

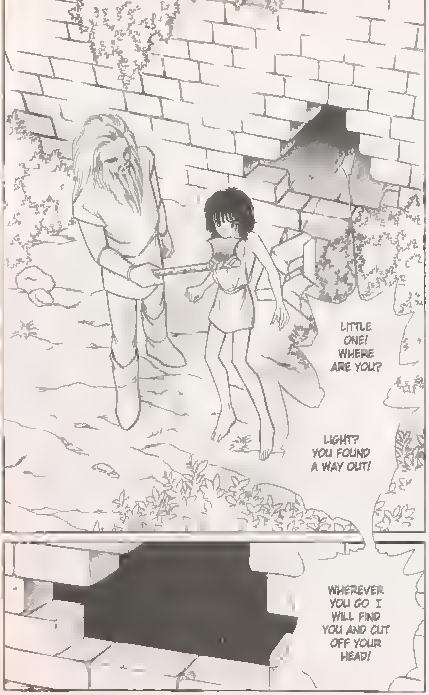


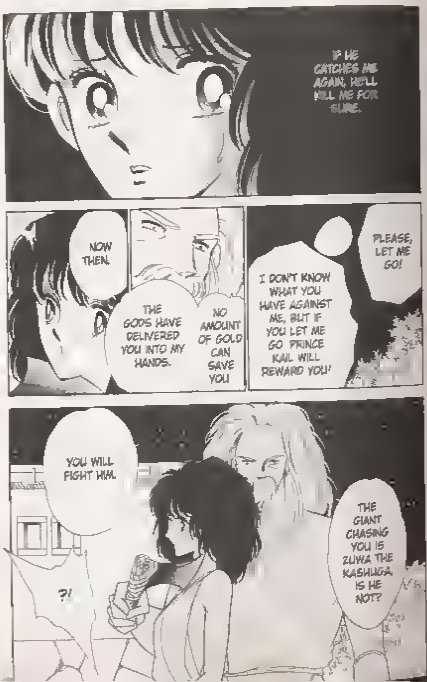
# Story Thus Far:

**Prince Kail**
The third prince of the Hittite Empire and a priest with magical powers. Prince Kail has begun to develop feelings for Yuri

**Yuri**
She was an ordinary 8th grader until she was mysteriously transported to the ancient Hittite Empire

**Queen Nakia**
A priestess who wants to sacrifice Yuri to the Storm God in order to ensure her son's succession to the throne

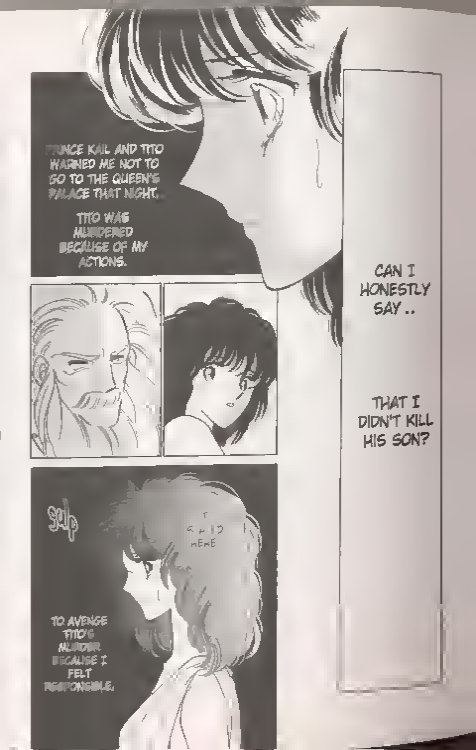

LITTLE ONE! WHERE ARE YOU?
LIGHT? YOU FOUND A WAY OUT!
WHEREVER YOU GO I WILL FIND YOU AND CUT OFF YOUR HEAD!


IF HE CATCHES ME AGAIN, HE'LL KILL ME FOR SURE.
PLEASE, LET ME GO!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE AGAINST ME, BUT IF YOU LET ME GO PRINCE KAIL WILL REWARD YOU!
NOW THEN.
THE GODS HAVE DELIVERED YOU INTO MY HANDS.
NO AMOUNT OF GOLD CAN SAVE YOU!
YOU WILL FIGHT HIM.
?!
THE GIANT CHASING YOU IS ZUWA THE KASHUGA IS HE NOT?

COME
WAIT! I'M NO MATCH FOR THAT GIANT!
HE'LL KILL ME FOR SURE!
WHY DOES THIS GUY HATE ME?
TALOS. . WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT NAME?
OH!
FWUMP
?!

THIS PLACE LOOKS LIKE THE PROP ROOM FOR THE TROJAN WAR.
YOU NEEDN'T FIGHT ZUMA UN-ARMED
CHOOSE ANY WEAPON YOU WANT
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
I HAVE PLENTY OF SWORDS TO SPARE.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN
OH!!
THE HAITI.
THAT'S TITO'S TRIBE.

NOW CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON.
OR I'LL TOSS YOU OUT TO ZUMA UNARMED
OH!
HE THINKS I KILLED TITO, JUST LIKE HIS DAUGHTERS DID.
WAIT! I--
GASP
YES
TITO WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED ME AS LEADER OF THE HATTI. BUT HE WAS MURDERED
THIS MAN IS...
TITO'S FATHER!


PRINCE KAIL AND TITO WARNED ME NOT TO GO TO THE QUEEN'S PALACE THAT NIGHT.
TITO WAS MURDERED BECAUSE OF MY ACTIONS.
CAN I HONESTLY SAY..
THAT I DIDN'T KILL HIS SON?
I CAME HERE
TO AVENGE TITO'S MURDER BECAUSE I FELT RESPONSIBLE.

NOW
CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON AND FACE ZUWA
I'M GOING TO FIGHT ZUWA!
I STAYED TO AVENGE TTO SO NOW'S MY CHANCE
AND IT LOOKS LIKE TALOS ISN'T GIVING ME ANY CHOICE

TAKE ANY SWORD YOU WANT
THAT GOLD-STUDDED SWORD THERE IS WORTHY OF THE EMPEROR HIMSELF
THAT ONE WITH JEWELS SET IN SILVER IS WORTH TEN HORSES.
MY SWORDS ARE AS DEADLY AS THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL.
ANY OF THEM IS A MATCH FOR IZUWA'S BLADE.

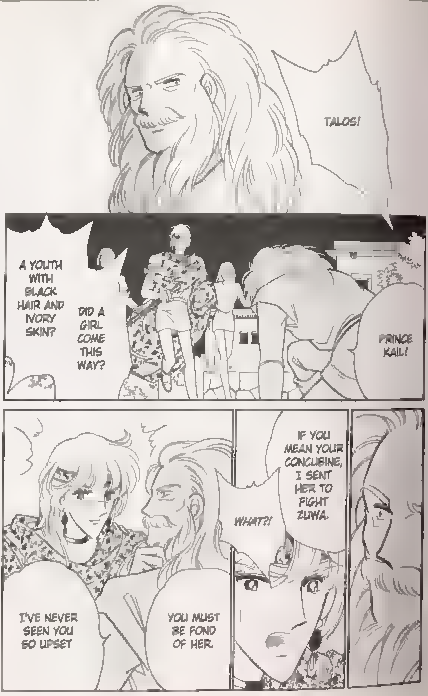
TOO BIG AND HEAVY FOR ME.
THEY ARE EXQUISITE, BUT...
KLINK

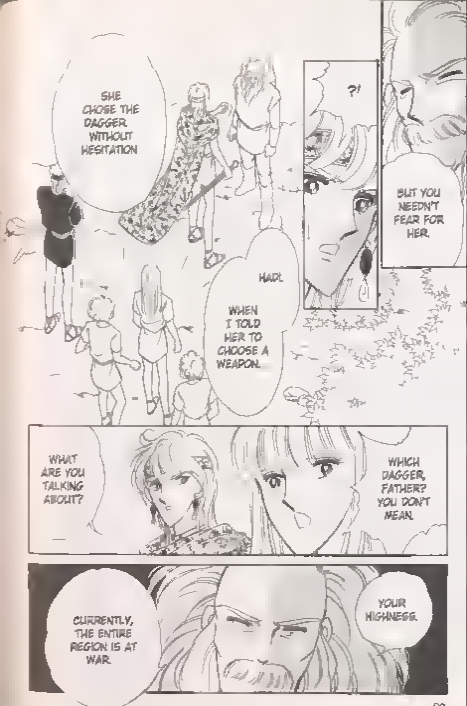
SHK
IT'S UGLY AND OUT OF PLACE
LIKE ME
A RUSTY DAGGER!
WHAT'S IT DOING AMONG THESE FINE SWORDS?

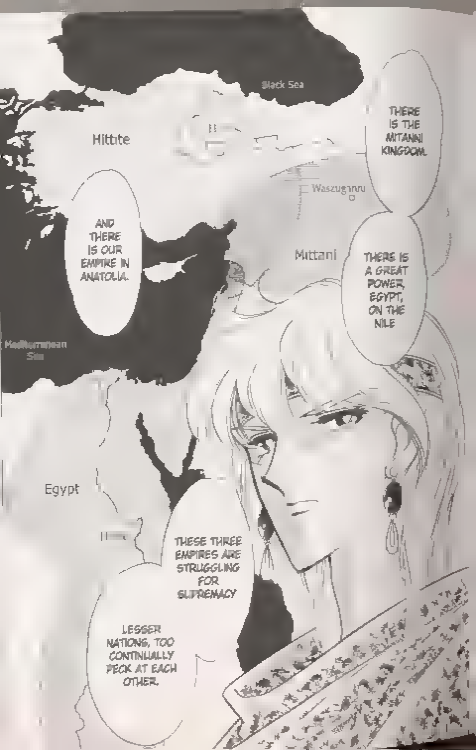
WIP
IF YOU DON'T MIND
I'LL TAKE THIS ONE
IT FEELS GOOD IN MY HAND

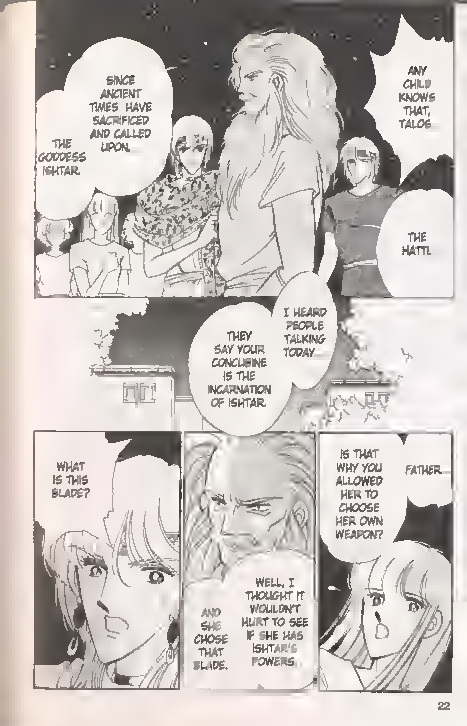
LITTLE ONE! I'VE FOUND YOU!
YOUR BLOOD WILL STAIN THE STREETS OF ALANA!

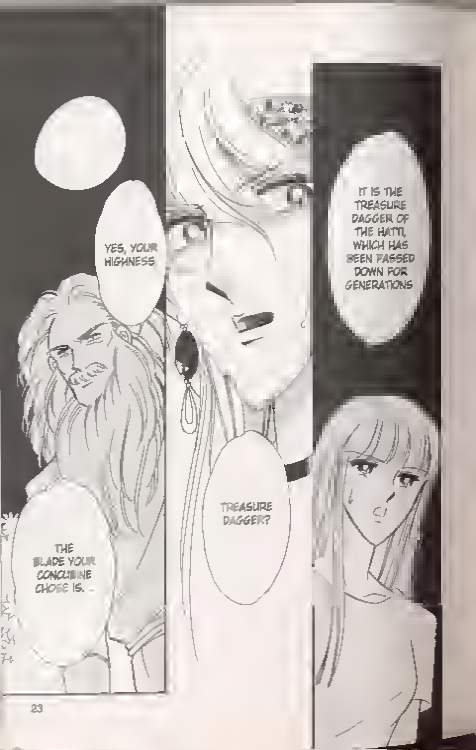
I DON'T KNOW HOW MY FATHER FEELS ABOUT PRINCESS YURI
WHEN WE WERE DISCUSSING OUR PLAN TO KILL HER...
HE SAID NOTHING
THEN HE MAY ALSO WISH HER HARM.
IF SHE IS ALIVE SHE IS LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER TALOS.
WE MUST HURRY!
JYP

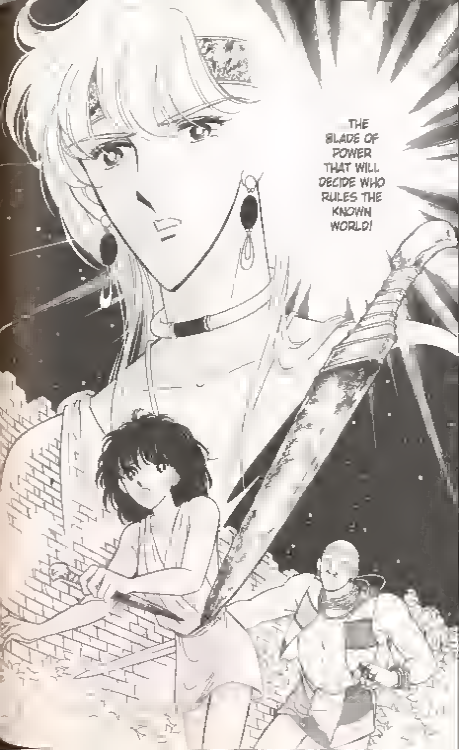

TALOS!
A YOUTH WITH BLACK HAIR AND IVORY SKIN?
DID A GIRL COME THIS WAY?
PRINCE KAIL!
IF YOU MEAN YOUR CONCUBINE, I SENT HER TO FIGHT ZUWA.
WHAT?!
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU SO UPSET
YOU MUST BE FOND OF HER.


SHE CHOSE THE DAGGER WITHOUT HESITATION
?!
BUT YOU NEEDN'T FEAR FOR HER.
HA!
WHEN I TOLD HER TO CHOOSE A WEAPON...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHICH DAGGER, FATHER? YOU DON'T MEAN
YOUR HIGHNESS.
CURRENTLY, THE ENTIRE REGION IS AT WAR.


Black Sea
Hittite
THERE IS THE MITANNI KINGDOM.
Waszugannu
AND THERE IS OUR EMPIRE IN ANATOLIA.
Mittani
THERE IS A GREAT POWER, EGYPT, ON THE NILE
Mediterranean Sea
Egypt
THESE THREE EMPIRES ARE STRUGGLING FOR SUPREMACY
LESSER NATIONS, TOO CONTINUALLY PECK AT EACH OTHER.

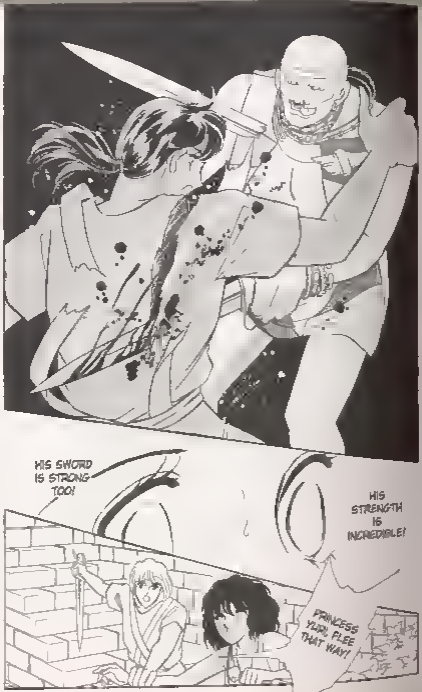

SINCE ANCIENT TIMES HAVE SACRIFICED AND CALLED UPON THE GODDESS ISHTAR.
ANY CHILD KNOWS THAT, TALOS.
THE HATTI.
I HEARD PEOPLE TALKING TODAY...
THEY SAY YOUR CONCUBINE IS THE INCARNATION OF ISHTAR.
WHAT IS THIS BLADE?
AND SHE CHOSE THAT BLADE.
WELL, I THOUGHT IT WOULDN'T HURT TO SEE IF SHE HAS ISHTAR'S POWERS.
IS THAT WHY YOU ALLOWED HER TO CHOOSE HER OWN WEAPON?
FATHER...


IT IS THE TREASURE DAGGER OF THE HATTI, WHICH HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN FOR GENERATIONS
TREASURE DAGGER?
YES, YOUR HIGHNESS.
THE BLADE YOUR CONCUBINE CHOSE IS. -

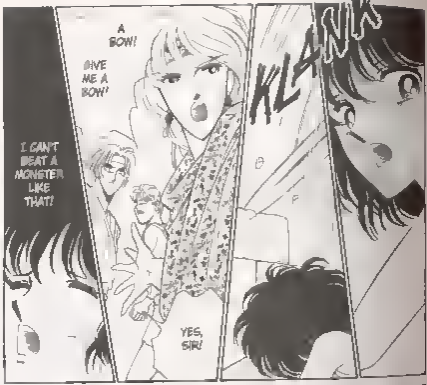

THE BLADE OF POWER THAT WILL DECIDE WHO RULES THE KNOWN WORLD!

WAIT LITTLE ONE!
I WAS READY TO FIGHT HIM, BUT
HE'S SO BIG HE'LL SQUASH ME LIKE A BUG
!!
PRINCE KAIL'S SOLDIERS!
HOO RAY!
RUN, FOOLS!
SHE DIDN'T DIE AFTER ALL!
PRINCESS YURI?!
YOU'RE HER!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

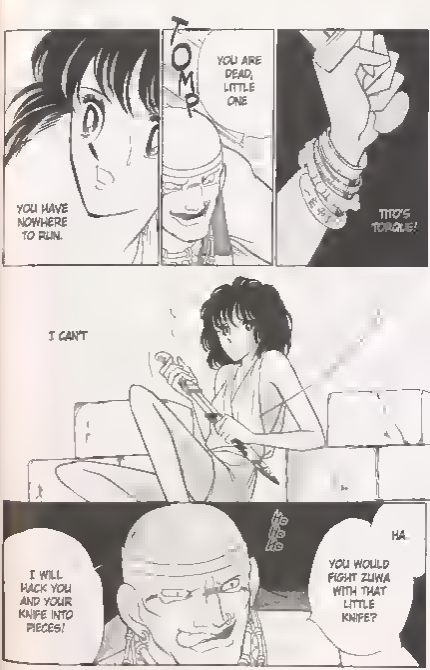
NO, STAY BACK!
ZUWA THE KASHUGA?
FEAR NOT, PRINCESS! WE SHALL DEFEND YOU!
FOOL
YAAAH!
KLANK

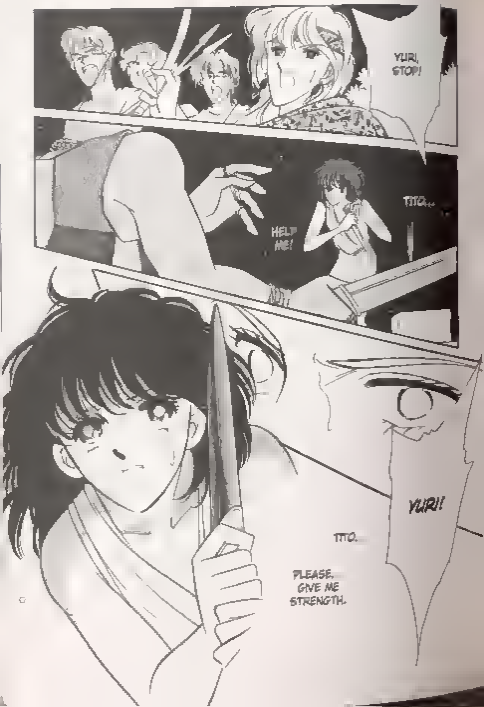

HIS SWORD IS STRONG TOO!
HIS STRENGTH IS INCREDIBLE!
PRINCESS YURI, FLEE THAT WAY!

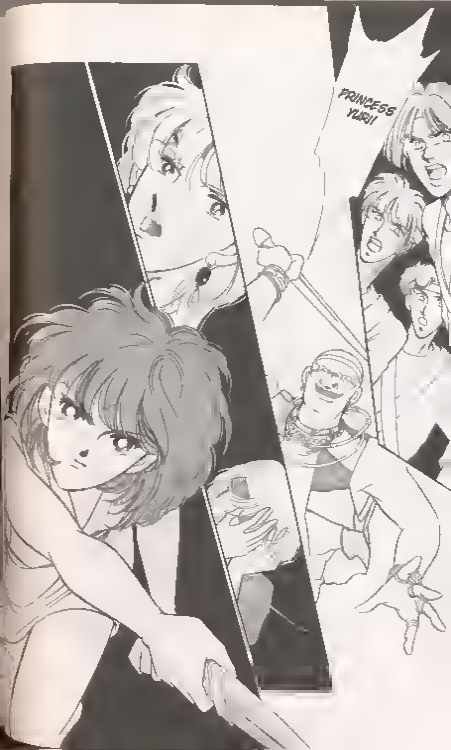
YURI!
PIW


I CAN'T BEAT A MONSTER LIKE THAT!
GIVE ME A BOW!
A BOW!
YES, SIR!
KLANK

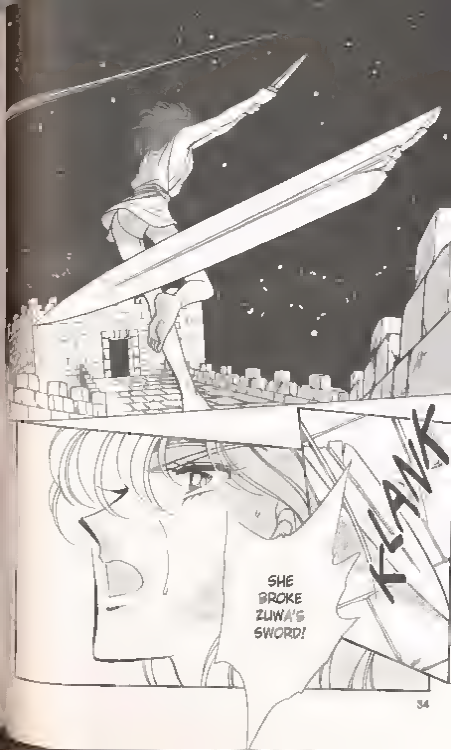
KLINK
WOOSH


YOU HAVE NOWHERE TO RUN.
TOMP
YOU ARE DEAD, LITTLE ONE
TITO'S TORQUE!
I CAN'T
I WILL HACK YOU AND YOUR KNIFE INTO PIECES!
HA
YOU WOULD FIGHT ZUWA WITH THAT LITTLE KNIFE?

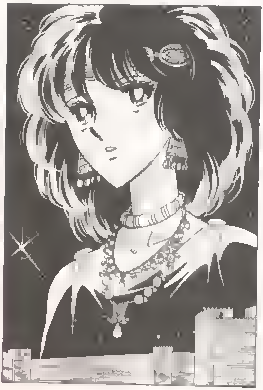

YURI, STOP!
TITO...
HELP ME!
YURI!
TITO...
PLEASE... GIVE ME STRENGTH.

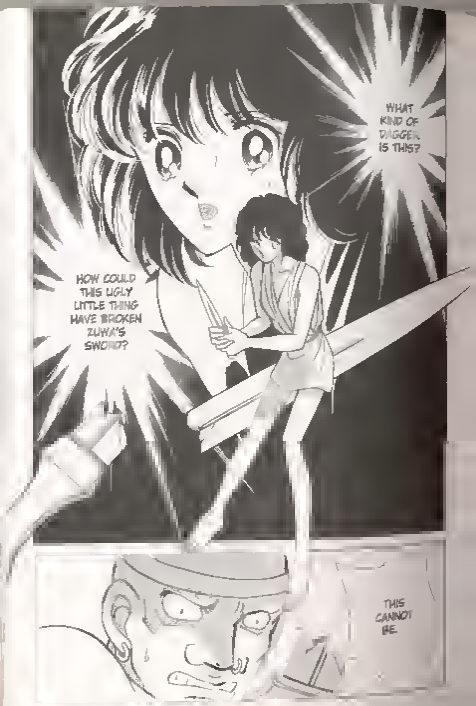

PRINCESS YURI!

CHAINK


KLANK
SHE BROKE ZUWA'S SWORD!

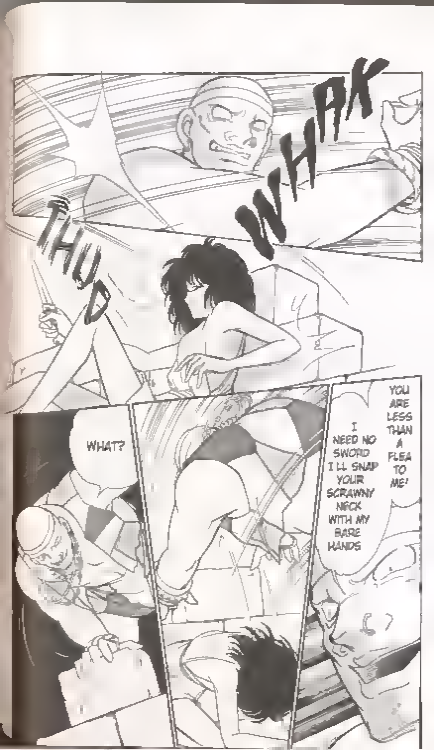
IS THIS?
WHAT KIND OF DAGGER




WHAT KIND OF DAGGER IS THIS?
HOW COULD THIS UGLY LITTLE THING HAVE BROKEN ZUMA'S SWORD?
THIS CANNOT BE.

LITTLE ONE YOU'VE MADE A FOOL OF ME!
DIE!
I SHALL AVENGE MY COMRADES WHO YOU SLEW!
ZUWA!
DAMN!
I CAN'T GET A CLEAR SHOT

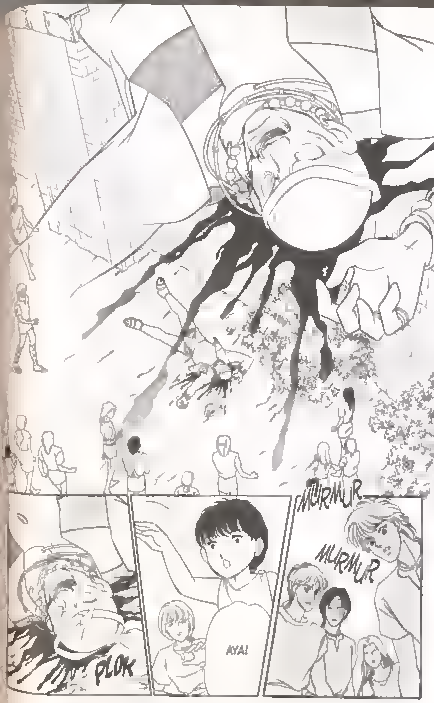
I HAVE NO CHOICE. I'VE GOT TO FACE HIM.
KIRK
ZUWA!
THIS IS FOR TITO, YOU BASTARD!
AT LEAST I KNOW TITO IS WITH ME!
I'LL FIND OUT ABOUT THIS WARRIOR LATER.
TMP


WHAK
THUD
YOU ARE LESS THAN A FLEA TO ME!
I NEED NO SWORD I'LL SNAP YOUR SCRAWNY NECK WITH MY BARE HANDS
WHAT?

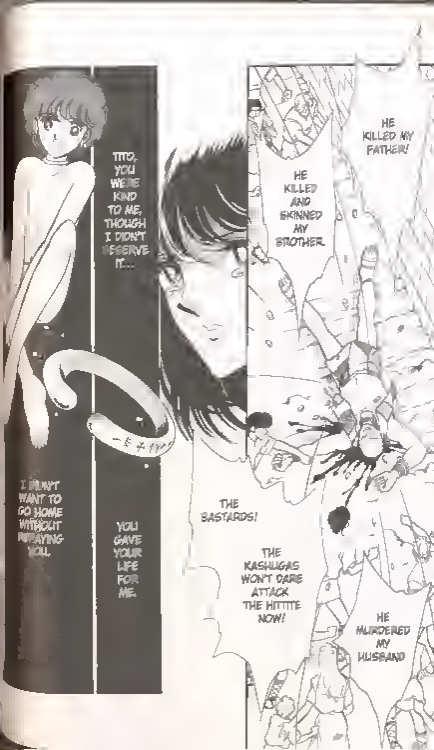
HMPH.
YOUR BEGINNER'S LUCK IS USED UP!
I'LL SMASH YOU AND YOUR TOY KNIFE.
PLEASE!
PLEASE!
LET ME AVENGE TITO'S MURDER!
KLUNK
PLEASE!

WHAT?
IMPOSSIBLE!
SHE DESTROYED THE STONES WITH THAT KNIFE?
HOW ?

HUH?
HUH?
HUH?
HUH?
KRASH
WAAA!
KRUK
KRUK
KRUK
KRUK

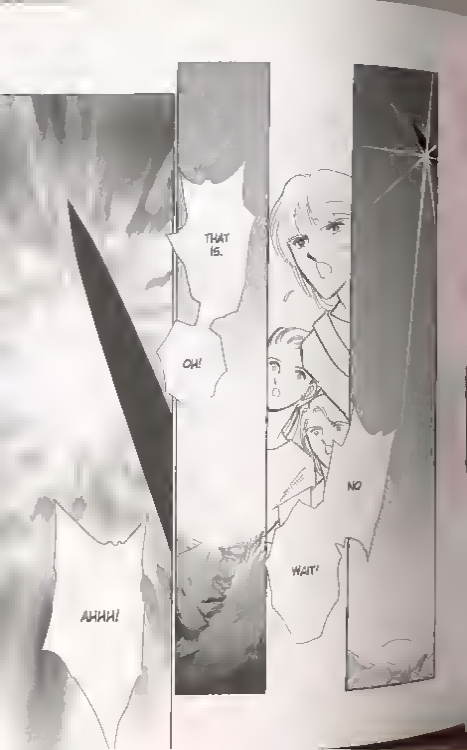

PLOK
AYA!
MURMUR
MURMUR

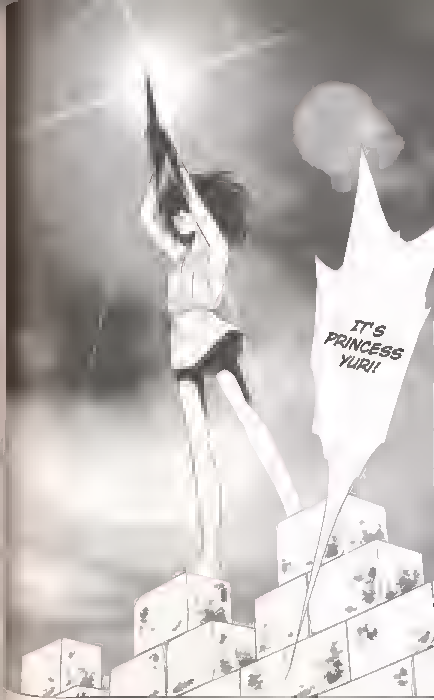
IS HE DEAD?
ZUWA IS DEAD?
HE'S DEAD!
THAT KASHUGA KILLER
IS DEAD!
ZUWA IS NO MORE!
huf
huf
HOORAY
HOORAY
HOORAY

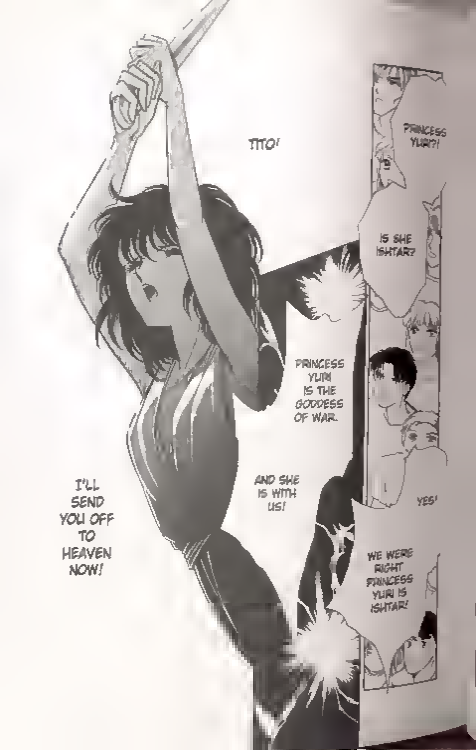

TITO, YOU WERE KIND TO ME, THOUGH I DIDN'T DESERVE IT....
I DIDN'T WANT TO GO HOME WITHOUT SAVING YOU.
YOU GAVE YOUR LIFE FOR ME.
HE KILLED MY FATHER!
HE KILLED AND SKINNED MY BROTHER.
THE BASTARDS!
THE KASHUGAS WON'T DARE ATTACK THE HITTITE NOW!
HE MURDERED MY HUSBAND

ZUWA, THE MAN WHO MURDERED YOU, IS DEAD NOW.
BUT THERE'S STILL THE QUBEN TO DEAL WITH, TITO...
BUT MY REVENGE IS STILL ONLY HALF FINISHED

MORNING
THE SUN IS RISING
IS IT TRULY ISHTAR?
YES IT'S ISHTAR!
BUT THE MORNING STAR IS NOT MEANT TO REAPPEAR UNTIL NEXT YEAR'S WET SEASON!
TRUE, BUT THERE IT IS IN THE EASTERN SKY!
WHAT?
WHAT?! ISHTAR, THE MORNING STAR!
YES IT IS ISHTAR!
ISHTAR, THE GODDESS OF WAR,
HAS RETURNED TO THE HITTITES!

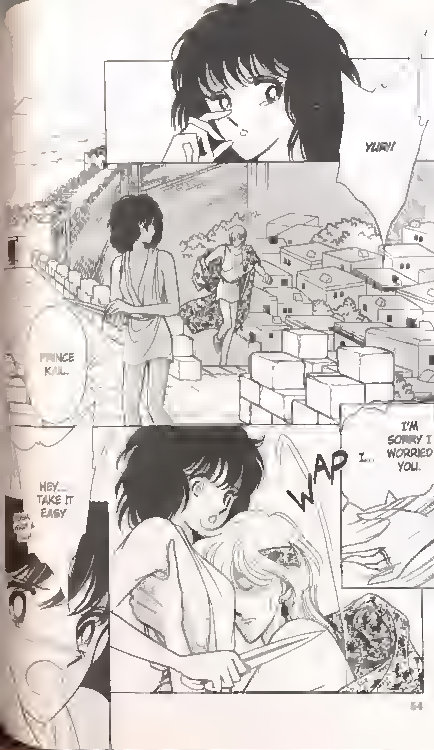

THAT IS.
OH!
NO
WAIT!
AHHH!


IT'S PRINCESS YURI!

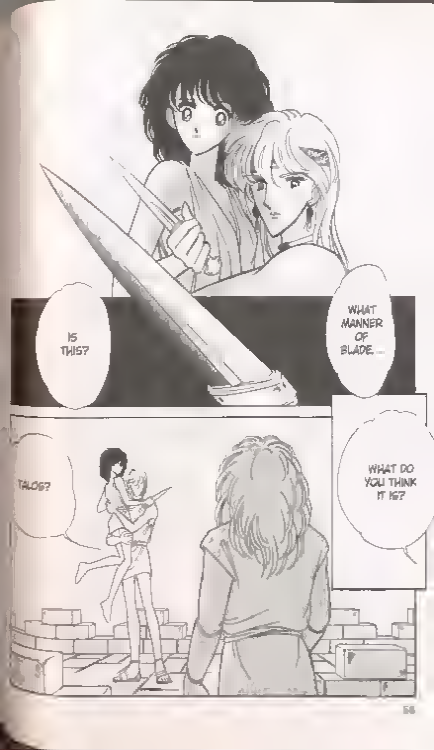

TITO!
PRINCESS YURI?
IS SHE ISHTAR?
PRINCESS YURI IS THE GODDESS OF WAR.
AND SHE IS WITH US!
YES!
WE WERE RIGHT! PRINCESS YURI IS ISHTAR!
I'LL SEND YOU OFF TO HEAVEN NOW!

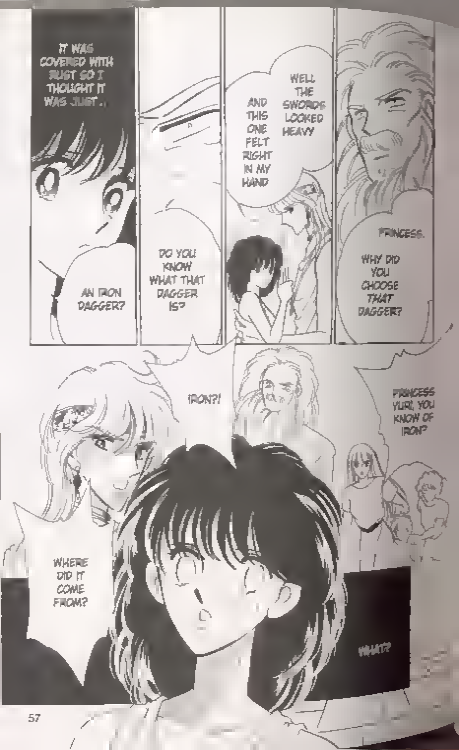
GO...
TO HEAVEN!
HAIL ISHTAR!
HAIL YURI!
HORROR

IT'S... TITO'S TORQUE!
THEN, TITO WAS KILLED BY ZUWA AS YURI SAID
OH NO.
HAIL YURI!
HAIL ISHTAR!
YAY
HOORAY
WHAT HAVE WE DONE?
HOORAY

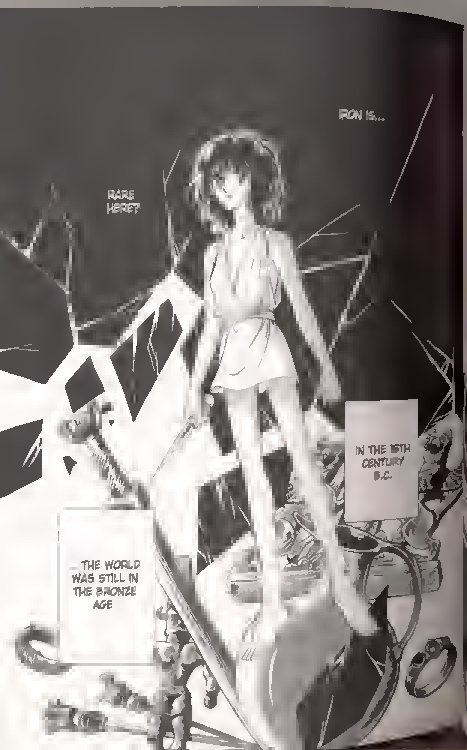

YUKI!!
PRINCE KAIL.
I'M SORRY I WORRIED YOU.
I...
WAP
HEY... TAKE IT EASY

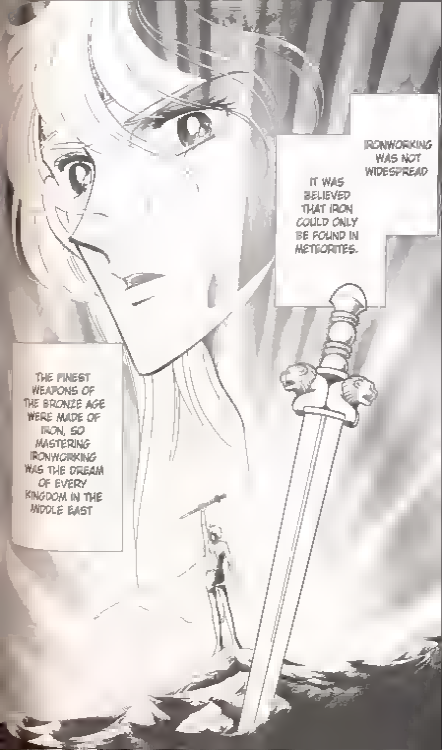
UM... PRINCE?
HERK
HER BODY IS WARM.
THANK THE GODS.
BA-BUMP
ARE YOU REAL?
YES, I HEAR YOUR HEART BEATING
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP!


IS THIS?
WHAT MANNER OF BLADE...
TALOS?
WHAT DO YOU THINK IT IS?

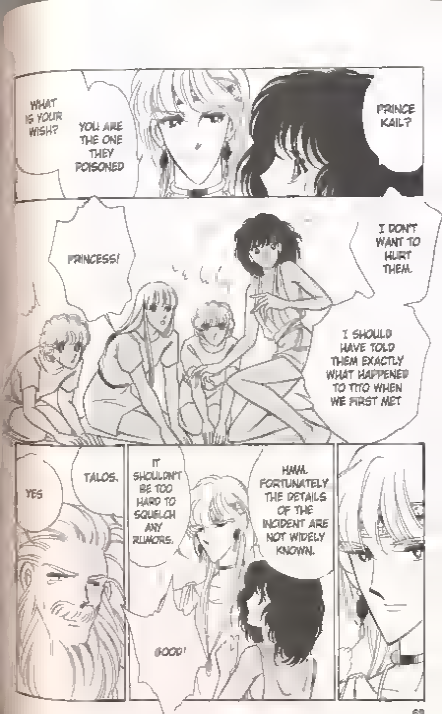

IT WAS COVERED WITH RUST SO I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST...
AN IRON DAGGER?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT DAGGER IS?
AND THIS ONE FELT RIGHT IN MY HAND
WELL THE SWORDS LOOKED HEAVY
PRINCESS.
WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THAT DAGGER?
IRON?!
PRINCESS YURI, YOU KNOW OF IRON?
WHERE DID IT COME FROM?
WHAT?

YURI, IRON IS EXTREMELY RARE. IT'S FOUND ONLY IN STONES THAT FALL FROM THE SKY
IT IS?
IT'S WORTH FAR MORE THAN GOLD
FEW PEOPLE HAVE EVER EVEN SEEN IT
HUH? IS THIS OLD GUY CRAZY?
DOESN'T EVERYBODY KNOW WHAT IRON IS? IT'S EVERY-WHERE
BUT... IT'S EVERY-WHERE
YOU RECOGNIZE IRON BY SIGHT?
THAT'S INCREDIBLE!


IRON IS...
RARE HERE?
IN THE 15TH CENTURY B.C.
...THE WORLD WAS STILL IN THE BRONZE AGE


IRONWORKING WAS NOT WIDESPREAD
IT WAS BELIEVED THAT IRON COULD ONLY BE FOUND IN METEORITES.
THE FINEST WEAPONS OF THE BRONZE AGE WERE MADE OF IRON, SO MASTERING IRONWORKING WAS THE DREAM OF EVERY KINGDOM IN THE MIDDLE EAST

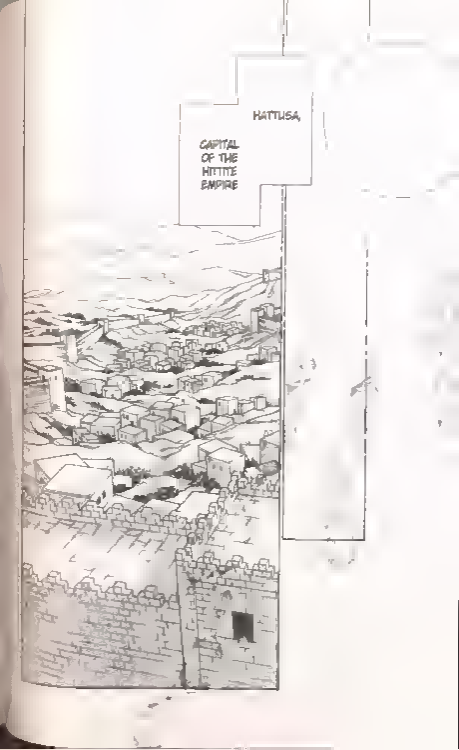
THE HATTI KNOW THE SECRETS OF IRON-WORKING?
HOW DID THE HATTI GET HOLD OF AN IRON DAGGER?
THIS KNOWLEDGE IS A TRIBAL TREASURE
THE ART OF EXTRACTING IRON FROM ORE IS A SECRET WE HATTI HAVE GUARDED FOR GENERATIONS
PRINCESS YURI,
PUNISH US! WE HAVE WRONGED YOU!
THOUGH WE WERE DECEIVED, WE COMMITTED A TERRIBLE CRIME--WE ASSAULTED ISHTAR!
HADI...
PUNISH YOU?


WHAT IS YOUR WISH?
YOU ARE THE ONE THEY POISONED
PRINCE KAIL?
PRINCESS!
I DON'T WANT TO HURT THEM.
I SHOULD HAVE TOLD THEM EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED TO TITO WHEN WE FIRST MET
YES
TALOS.
IT SHOULDN'T BE TOO HARD TO SQUELCH ANY RUMORS.
HMM. FORTUNATELY THE DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT ARE NOT WIDELY KNOWN.
GOOD!

HOORAY, YURI!!
YURI!!
AT THE MOMENT THERE ARE NO HANDMAIDS IN MY PALACE...
I'VE BEEN CONSIDERING HIRING SOME TO LOOK AFTER YURI
PERHAPS YOUR DAUGHTERS COULD DO THE JOB.
THEY WOULD BE HONORED, MY PRINCE.
MAYBE.
I'VE ATONED A TINY BIT FOR GETTING TITO KILLED
ONE MORE THING, PRINCESS YURI

YOU WERE KIND TO TITO, AND
... YOU SLEW HIS MURDERER.
NOW THAT TITO IS GONE.
THERE IS NO ONE TO INHERIT OUR PRECIOUS SECRET-- THE ART OF IRON MAKING
YAY
YAY
YAY
WE HATTI OFFER YOU OUR SERVICE..
AND OUR KNOWLEDGE OF IRON-MAKING
PRINCESS YURI

DO YOU MEAN...
THAT YURI CAN COMMAND YOUR IRON MAKERS?
YES.
THE POWER TO TOPPLE EMPIRES IS IN THE HANDS.
OF PRINCESS YURI, WHO IS ISHTAR INCARNATE
HOORAY YURI!
HOORAY YURI!!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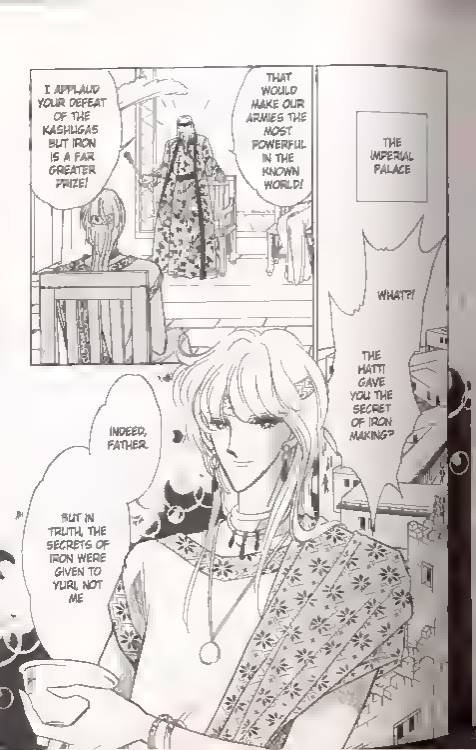
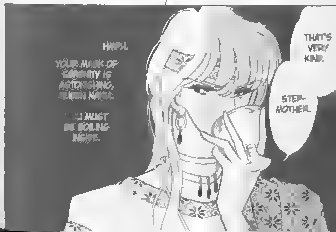

I APPLAUD YOUR DEFEAT OF THE KASHUGAS BUT IRON IS A FAR GREATER PRIZE!
THAT WOULD MAKE OUR ARMIES THE MOST POWERFUL IN THE KNOWN WORLD!
THE IMPERIAL PALACE
WHAT?!
THE HATTI GAVE YOU THE SECRET OF IRON MAKING?
INDEED, FATHER.
BUT IN TRUTH, THE SECRETS OF IRON WERE GIVEN TO YURI, NOT ME

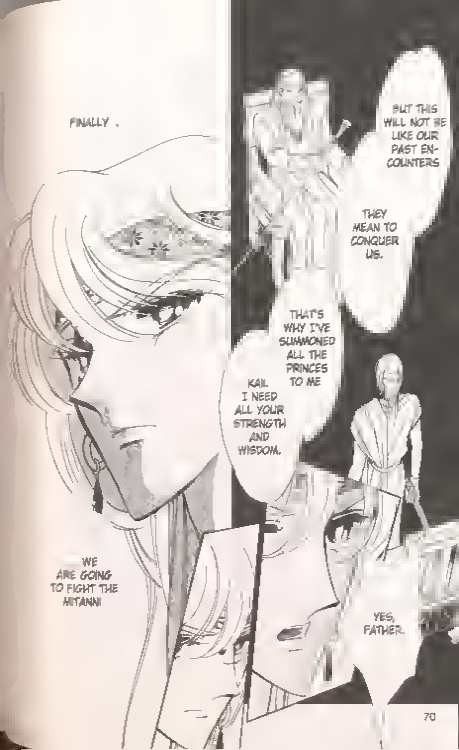
YES THEY ARE MASSING AT OUR BORDERS AGAIN.
WE WILL BE AT WAR BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.
THE MITANNI?
HAVE THEY MADE A MOVE?
KAI, CAN WE START PRODUCTION OF IRON WEAPONS IMMEDIATELY?
I WISH OUR LEGIONS TO BRISTLE WITH THEM WHEN THEY MEET THE MITANNI

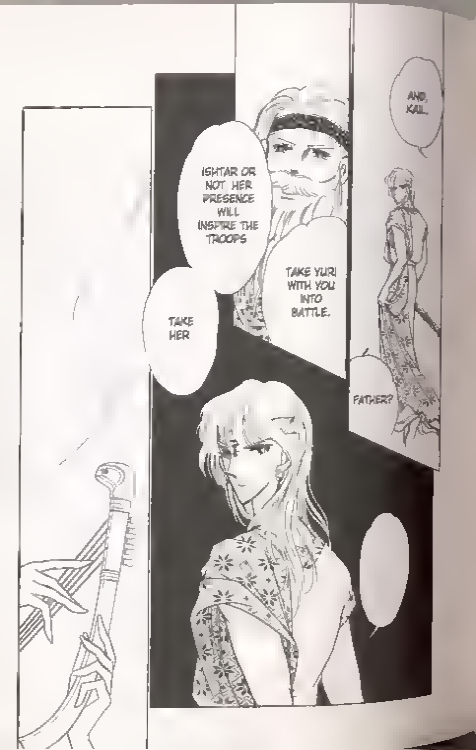
AH, QUEEN NAKIA?
IT DOESN'T MATTER, SO LONG AS WE CAN AVAIL OURSELVES OF THEM!
THIS ALMOST PERSUADES ME THAT YOUR CONCUBINE REALLY IS ISHTAR.

COULD FIND SUCH A REMARKABLE WOMAN
NIKRE! ONLY PRINCE KAI.


HMPH. YOUR MASK OF SANITY IS ASTONISHING, QUEEN NAKIA.
I MUST BE BOILING INSIDE.
THAT'S VERY KIND.
STEP-MOTHER.

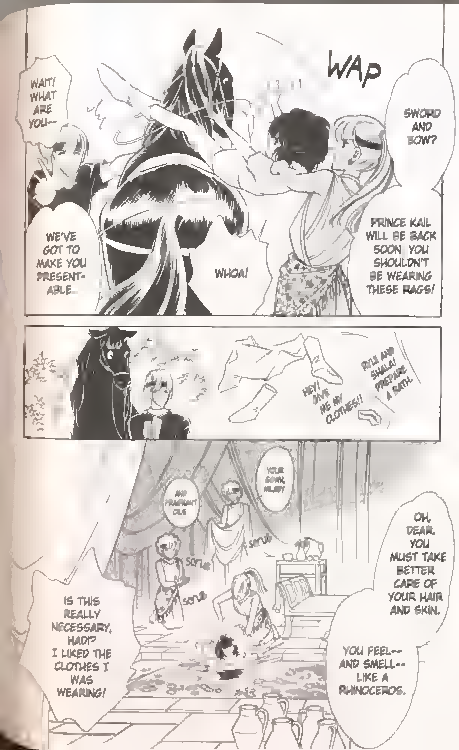
ILRAN!
AREN'T YOU GOING?
I'M A STEWARD, NOT A SOLDIER.
I'LL BE ALONG SHORTLY.
KIKKURI! HAVE MY ARMIES PREPARE TO MARCH!
YES, YOUR HIGHNESS!
EH?
WHY DON'T YOU LIKE ME, ILRAN?

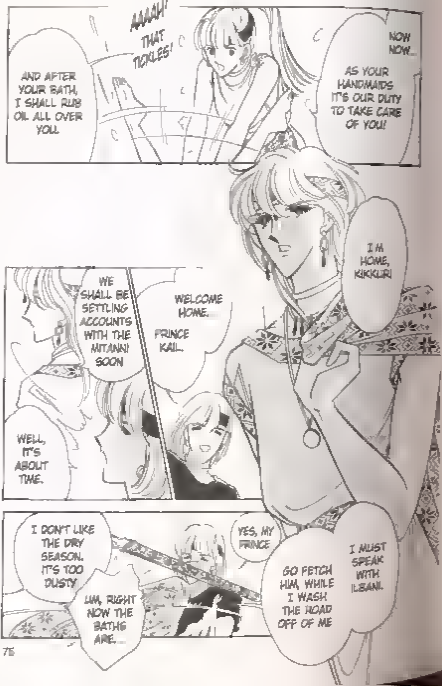

FINALLY .
BUT THIS WILL NOT BE LIKE OUR PAST ENCOUNTERS
THEY MEAN TO CONQUER US.
THAT'S WHY I'VE SUMMONED ALL THE PRINCES TO ME
KAIL I NEED ALL YOUR STRENGTH AND WISDOM.
WE ARE GOING TO FIGHT THE HITANNI
YES, FATHER.


AND KAIL.
ISHTAR OR NOT, HER PRESENCE WILL INSPIRE THE TROOPS
TAKE YURI WITH YOU INTO BATTLE.
TAKE HER
FATHER?

PRINCE KAIL'S PALACE
PRINCESS YURI!
DON'T GRIP THE REINS SO TIGHTLY!
YOU'RE NOT STRANGLING SNAKES!
KLOP
KLOP
KLOP
IF I DON'T I'LL FALL OFF!
SIT UP STRAIGHT AND TRY TO BALANCE!

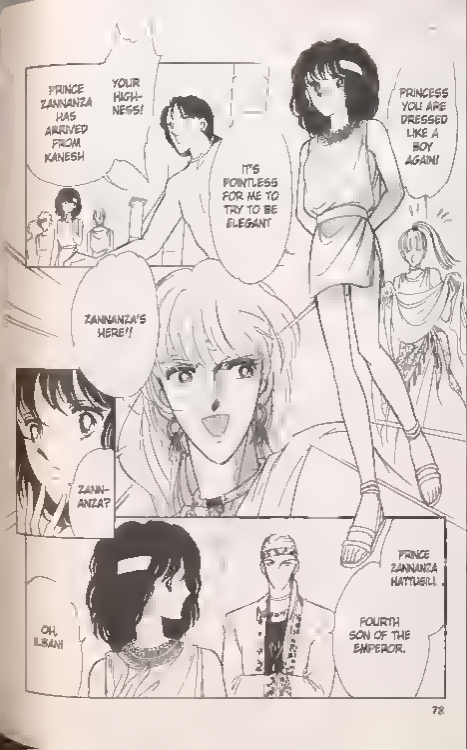
AND THERE'S STILL THE QUEEN TO DEAL WITH
I'M TIRED OF BEING A BURDEN TO PRINCE KAIL.
I NEED TO BE READY!
KLOP
KLOP
KLOP
UH
PRINCESS.
WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO LEARN TO RIDE WHEN WE GOT BACK FROM ALINNA?
KLOP
PRINCESS YURI!
I HEARD YOU ARE EXPERTS.
KLOP
KLOP
WILL YOU TEACH ME HOW TO USE THE SWORD AND BOW?
HAOH AND RYUI AND SHALA!

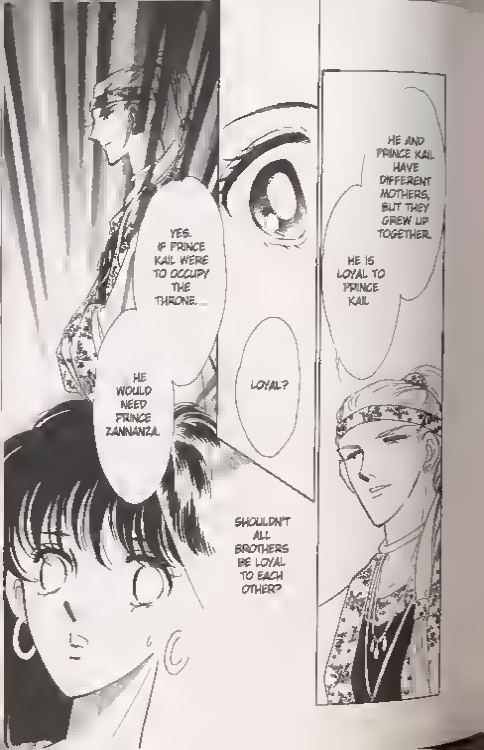

WAP
WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU--
SWORD AND BOW?
WE'VE GOT TO MAKE YOU PRESENT-ABLE...
WHOA!
PRINCE KAIL WILL BE BACK SOON. YOU SHOULDN'T BE WEARING THESE RAGS!
HEY! GIVE ME MY CLOTHES!!
KAIL AND SHALEI! PREPARE A BATH.
YOUR GOWN, MILADY.
AN ENCHANTING CLOTH.
SCRUB
SCRUB
SCRUB
OH, DEAR. YOU MUST TAKE BETTER CARE OF YOUR HAIR AND SKIN.
IS THIS REALLY NECESSARY, HADI? I LIKED THE CLOTHES I WAS WEARING!
YOU FEEL-- AND SMELL-- LIKE A RHINOCEROS.

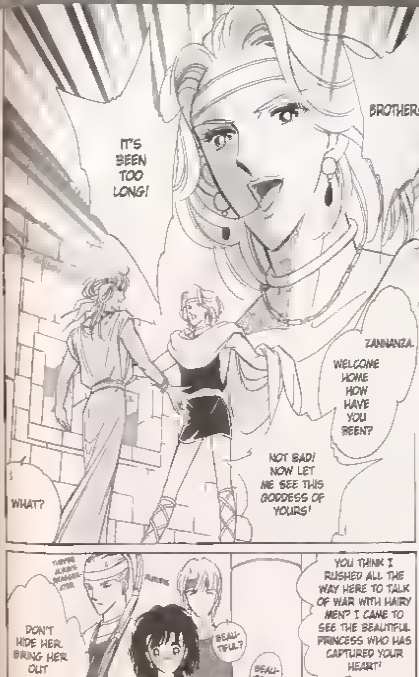

AAAAH! THAT TICKLES!
AND AFTER YOUR BATH, I SHALL RUB OIL ALL OVER YOU.
NOW NOW... AS YOUR HANDMAIDS IT'S OUR DUTY TO TAKE CARE OF YOU!
I'M HOME, KIKKURI.
WELCOME HOME, PRINCE KAI.
WE SHALL BE SETTLING ACCOUNTS WITH THE MITANNI SOON.
WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME.
I DON'T LIKE THE DRY SEASON. IT'S TOO DUSTY.
YES, MY PRINCE.
I MUST SPEAK WITH ILSANI.
GO FETCH HIM, WHILE I WASH THE ROAD OFF OF ME.
HM, RIGHT NOW THE BATHS ARE.

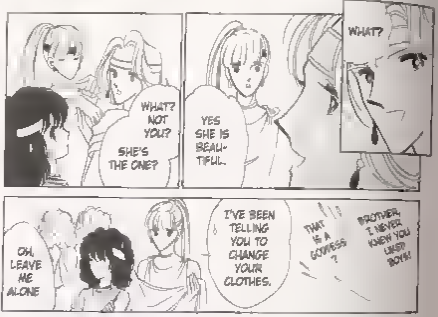
DON'T BE SHY! YOU SLEEP WITH HIM, DON'T YOU?
THAT WAS RUDE OF YOU, PRINCESS YUKI!
SPLASH
EEEEK!
GET OUT OF HERE!
OH, PRINCE KEI... WELCOME HOME
YES, I MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO ASSIST YOU.
I SLEEP WITH HIM, SURE, BUT WE JUST SLEEP!
IF I WERE HIS REAL CONSORT, I COULD STAY WITH HIM FOREVER.
BUT I'M NOT MAYBE YUKI'S WHY I'M SO UPTIGHT
HA
HA HA

BUT I'M STILL SKINNY AND BREAST-LESS.
LOVELY NOW YOUR SKIN FEELS LIKE A BABY'S!
YOUR BREASTS WILL GROW SOON. EVEN FASTER IF YOUR MASTER CARESSES THEM.
ASK PRINCE KEI TO HELP YOU WITH THIS.
THANKS FOR THE TIP!


PRINCE ZANNANZA HAS ARRIVED FROM KANESH
YOUR HIGHNESS!
IT'S POINTLESS FOR ME TO TRY TO BE ELEGANT
PRINCESS YOU ARE DRESSED LIKE A BOY AGAIN!
ZANNANZA'S HERE!!
ZANNANZA?
PRINCE ZANNANZA HATTUSIL!
FOURTH SON OF THE EMPEROR.
OH, ILIBANI

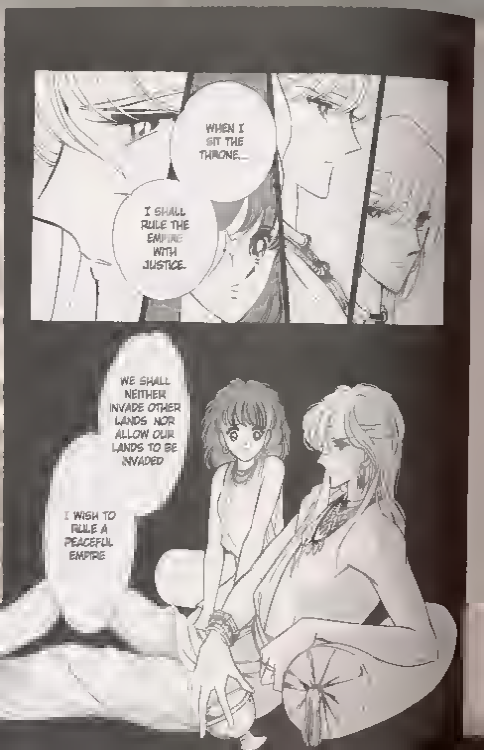

HE AND PRINCE KAIL HAVE DIFFERENT MOTHERS, BUT THEY GREW UP TOGETHER.
HE IS LOYAL TO PRINCE KAIL
SHOULDN'T ALL BROTHERS BE LOYAL TO EACH OTHER?
LOYAL?
YES. IF PRINCE KAIL WERE TO OCCUPY THE THRONE...
HE WOULD NEED PRINCE ZANNANZA.


BROTHER!
IT'S BEEN TOO LONG!
ZANNANZA.
WELCOME HOME HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
NOT BAD! NOW LET ME SEE THIS GODDESS OF YOURS!
WHAT?
YOU THINK I RUSHED ALL THE WAY HERE TO TALK OF WAR WITH HAIRY MEN? I CAME TO SEE THE BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WHO HAS CAPTURED YOUR HEART!
BEAU-TIFUL?
BEAU-TIFUL?
DON'T HIDE HER. BRING HER OUT!


WHAT?
YES SHE IS BEAU-TIFUL.
WHAT? NOT YOU?
SHE'S THE ONE?
BROTHER, I NEVER KNEW YOU LIKED BOYS!
THAT IS A GODDESS ?
I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU TO CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES.
OH, LEAVE ME ALONE

MY APOLOGIES.
HE.H
HE.H
HEH
SHE IS JUST SO DIFFERENT FROM THE WOMEN YOU'VE COURTED IN THE PAST...
ZANNANZA!
YOUR TASTE IS YOUR OWN BUSINESS.

I'M NOT SURPRISED YOU CHOSE ISHTAR.
NOW OUR VICTORY OVER THE MITANNI IS ASSURED
IT MUST BE THAT WAY
THIS WAR WILL SPREAD PRINCE KAIL'S FAME ACROSS THE WORLD
THERE'S NO GREATER GENERAL ALIVE THAN PRINCE KAIL
WELL WE MUSTN'T BE OVERCONFIDENT
IF WE LOSE OUR EMPIRE CRUMBLES
PRINCE KAIL.
DO YOU WANT TO RULE THE WORLD?

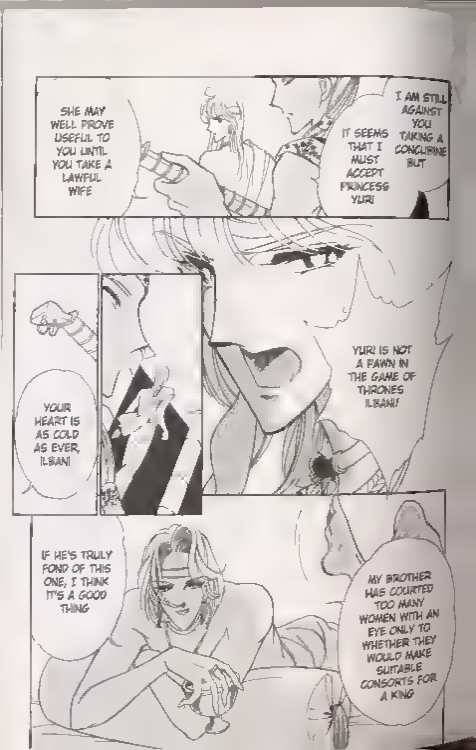

WHEN I SIT THE THRONE...
I SHALL RULE THE EMPIRE WITH JUSTICE.
WE SHALL NEITHER INVADE OTHER LANDS NOR ALLOW OUR LANDS TO BE INVADED
I WISH TO RULE A PEACEFUL EMPIRE

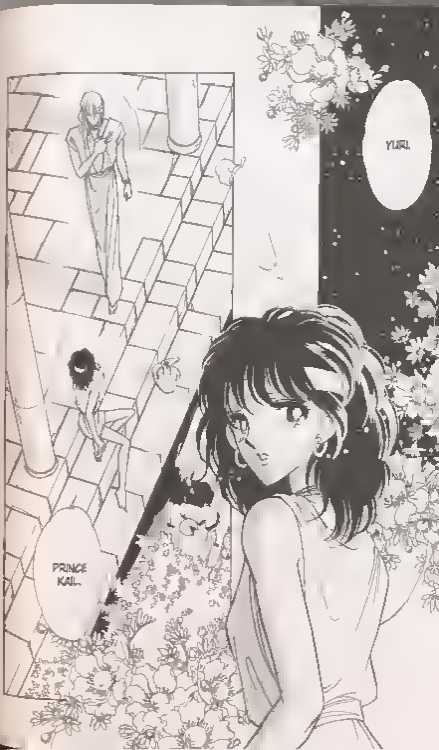
BUT PEACE MUST BE WON AT THE POINT OF A SWORD
WE LIVE IN A HARSH WORLD
IF ONE WISHES PEACE, ONE MUST FIGHT FOR IT
IF WE ARE WEAK, OUR NEIGHBORS WILL DESTROY US

KRK
IF NEED BE
I WILL FIGHT
FOR
SUPREMACY

ZANNANZA.
LET'S DO IT. MY BROTHER. WE'RE SURE TO PREVAIL.
I'LL ASSIST YOU IN ANY WAY I CAN, BUT I'M NOT THE SOLDIER YOU ARE

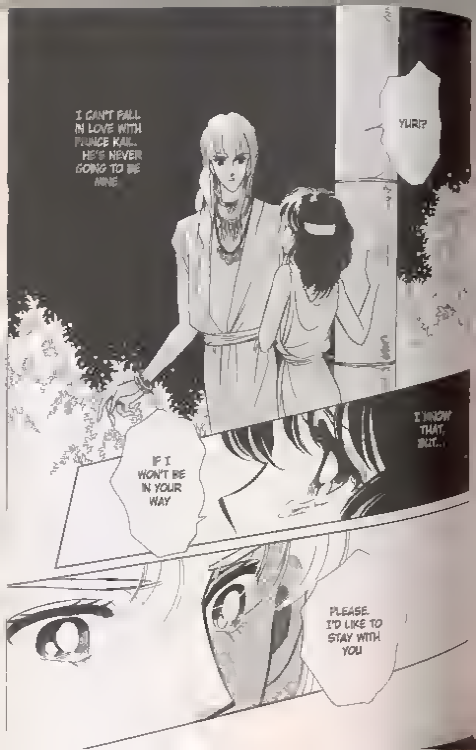
YUMI?
WE'RE OUT OF WINE I'LL GET SOME MORE.
THE MORE I LEARN ABOUT PRINCE KAIL,
THE MORE OUT OF REACH HE SEEMS.


I AM STILL AGAINST YOU TAKING A CONCUBINE BUT
IT SEEMS THAT I MUST ACCEPT PRINCESS YURI
SHE MAY WELL PROVE USEFUL TO YOU UNTIL YOU TAKE A LAWFUL WIFE
YURI IS NOT A PAWN IN THE GAME OF THRONES ILBANI!
YOUR HEART IS AS COLD AS EVER, ILBANI
MY BROTHER HAS COURTED TOO MANY WOMEN WITH AN EYE ONLY TO WHETHER THEY WOULD MAKE SUITABLE CONSORTS FOR A KING
IF HE'S TRULY FOND OF THIS ONE, I THINK IT'S A GOOD THING


YURI.
PRINCE KAIL.

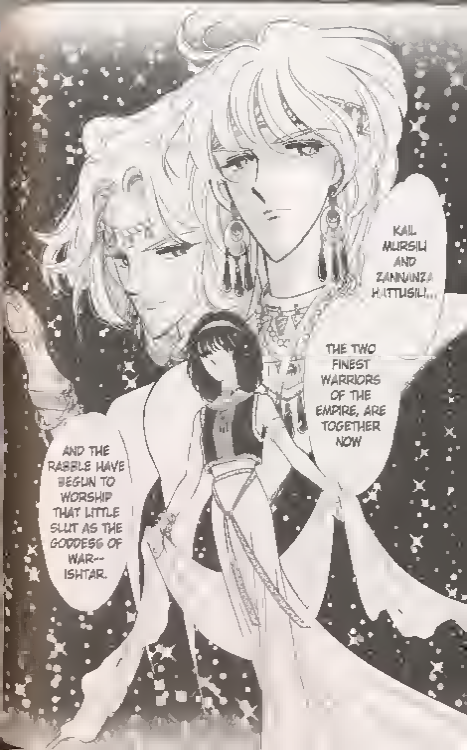
YURI,
IF YOU'D LIKE A PALACE OF YOUR OWN, I CAN HAVE ONE BUILT FOR YOU.
DO YOU WISH TO LIVE APART FROM ME?
OH...THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE WE WILL LIVE WITH HIS WIFE.
IS THAT YOUR WISH?
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT
IF YOU STAY WITH ME, YOU'LL HAVE TO RIDE TO WAR BESIDE ME.

EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE NOT— MINE
I WOULD BE LOSING YOU
YOU'LL BE ENTANGLED IN MY AMBITIONS.
THEN KEEP ME BY YOUR SIDE
IF I CAN HELP YOU.
YES VERY HELPFUL BUT
THAT ISN'T WHY I SNATCHED YOU FROM THE QUEEN.
CAN I BE HELPFUL TO YOU?


I CAN'T FALL IN LOVE WITH PRINCE KAI... HE'S NEVER GOING TO BE MINE
YURI?
I KNOW THAT, BUT...
IF I WON'T BE IN YOUR WAY
PLEASE. I'D LIKE TO STAY WITH YOU

I KNOW THAT'S THE REALITY, BUT I WANT TO BE WITH HIM
GASP

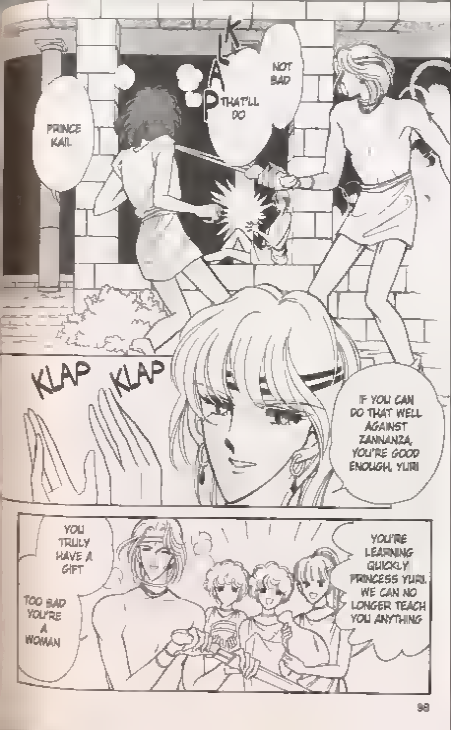
I WANT TO HELP HIM!


KAIL MURSILI AND ZANNUNZA HATTUSILI...
THE TWO FINEST WARRIORS OF THE EMPIRE, ARE TOGETHER NOW
AND THE RABBLE HAVE BEGUN TO WORSHIP THAT LITTLE SLUT AS THE GODDESS OF WAR-- ISHTAR.

I CANNOT ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN!
KL/NK/
THIS IS INTOLERABLE!
IF HE PERFORMS HEROICALLY IN THE WAR WITH THE MITANNI, KAIL WILL CERTAINLY INHERIT THE THRONE.

SHEEN
HA!
I'LL GO BACK TO JAPAN NEXT YEAR.
PRINCE KAIL WILL GET MARRIED SOMEDAY
WHOOSH

I CAN'T ALLOW MYSELF
KLANK
SO I'LL KEEP MY EXPECTATIONS LOW
KLANG
KLANK
TO FALL IN LOVE WITH PRINCE KAL- ANY MORE THAN I HAVE
WUP
OH!


PRINCE KAIL
CLASH
THAT'LL DO
NOT BAD
KLAP KLAP
IF YOU CAN DO THAT WELL AGAINST ZANNANZA, YOU'RE GOOD ENOUGH, YURI
YOU TRULY HAVE A GIFT
TOO BAD YOU'RE A WOMAN
YOU'RE LEARNING QUICKLY PRINCESS YURI. WE CAN NO LONGER TEACH YOU ANYTHING

THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN STAY WITH PRINCE KAIL.
huf
huf
huf
huf
BUT I HATED HISTORY
I'M GOOD AT GYM-NASTICS
I'M TRYING HARD BECAUSE...

YES, PRINCESS.
HAVE YOU HEARD? YOU GET A SOME WATER?
BROTHER.
I THINK I KNOW NOW WHAT YOU SEE IN THAT GIRL
EXCUSE ME, YOUR HIGH-NESSES
SHE TRIES HER BEST AT EVERY-THING
AND SHE'S NOT UGLY
YES, ILBANT?

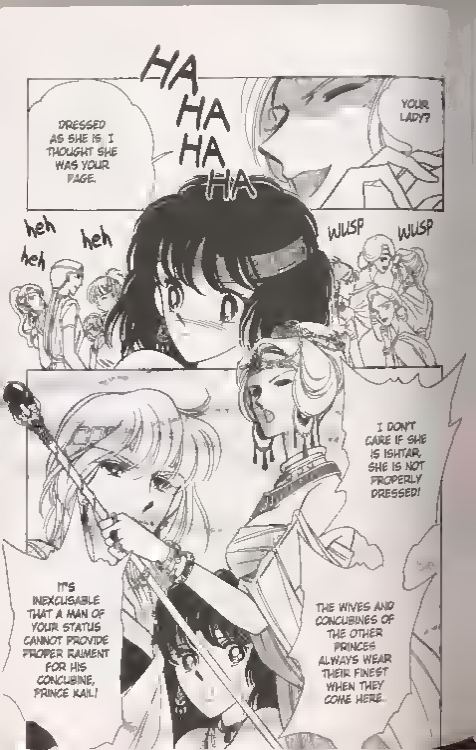
A FEAST?
THE EMPEROR IS HOLDING A FEAST IN YOUR HONOR TONIGHT.
TO CELEBRATE THAT YOU AND PRINCE ZANNANZA ARE BOTH HERE...
HIS MAJESTY SAID HE ESPECIALLY WANTS TO MEET THE GODDESS OF WAR.
I'D FEEL OUT OF PLACE AROUND THOSE PEOPLE.
BUT I DON'T WANT TO
YOU MEAN, I HAVE TO GO TOO?
AND HIS MAJESTY WISHES THAT YOUR CONCUBINE ACCOMPANY YOU.
YES
QUEEN NAKIA SUGGESTED THAT YOU BRING YURI WITH YOU.
PRINCE KAIL...
BE CAREFUL.

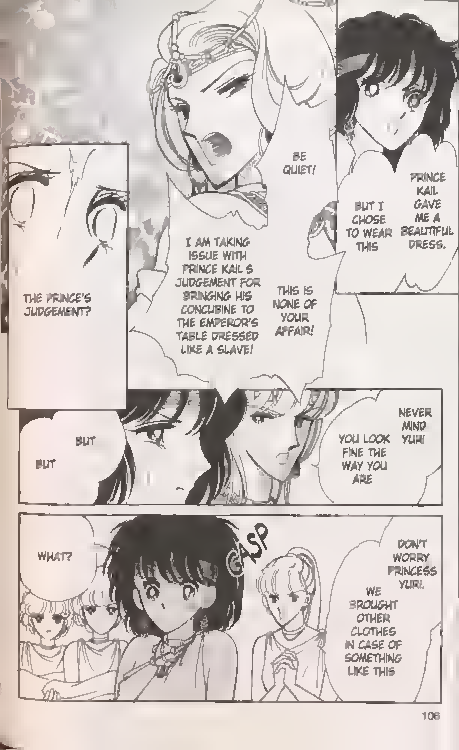
THE QUEEN..
IS PLOTTING AWAY AGAIN
I KNEW IT.
THE QUEEN HASN'T GIVEN UP ON ME
GRIP

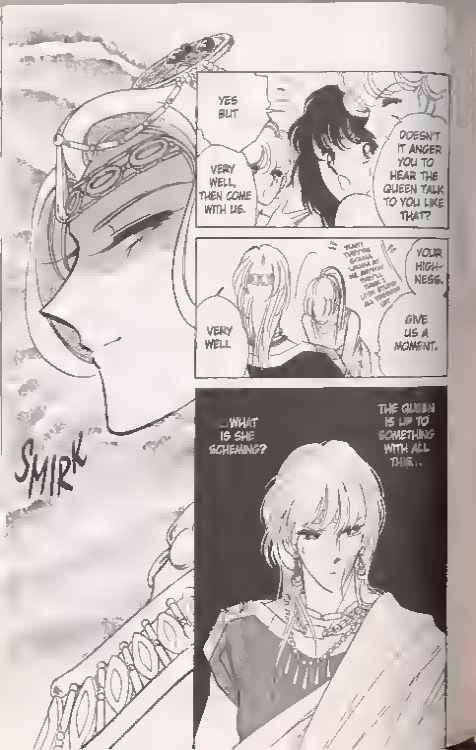
YURI
YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ZANNANZA AND I ARE WITH YOU
SURE
EVEN THE QUEEN WOULDN'T DARE TRY ANYTHING IN PUBLIC
THAT'S RIGHT

THESE WOMEN ARE ALL SO BEAUTIFUL
THEY REMIND ME OF TROPICAL FISH
LOOK!
IS THAT PRINCE KAIL S.
WHAT IS THAT?
SHE LOOKS LIKE A BOY
WHIP WHIP
I CAN'T HELP IT.
GIRLY DRESSES DON'T LOOK GOOD ON ME.
WELL, WELL. PRINCE KAIL AND PRINCE ZANNANZA.
WELCOME

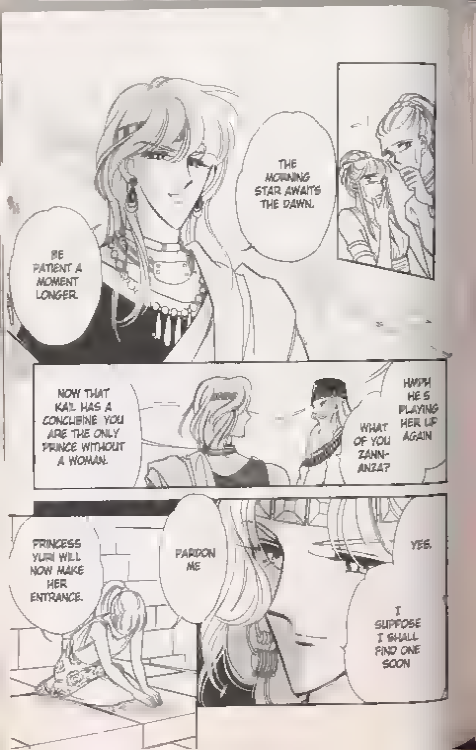
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO THIS TIME?
ROYAL PAIN...!
QUEEN NAKIA!
WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
THIS ENTRANCE IS FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY
MY LADY IS ENTITLED TO ENTER HERE
THIS ISN'T THE ENTRANCE FOR YOU.

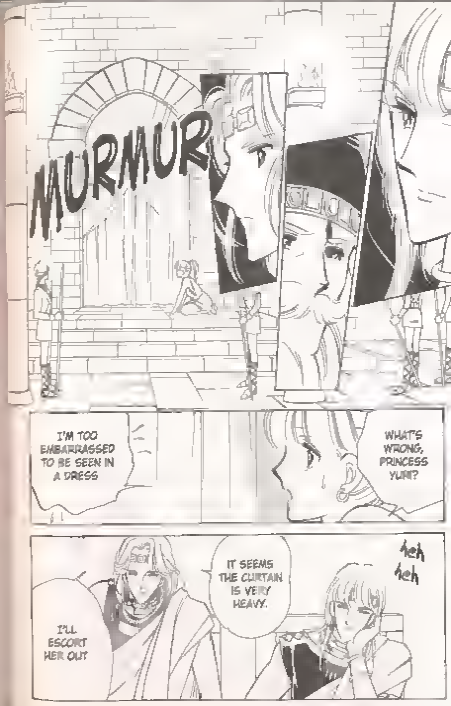

HA HA HA HA
DRESSED AS SHE IS, I THOUGHT SHE WAS YOUR PAGE.
YOUR LADY?
heh heh heh
WUISP
WUISP
I DON'T CARE IF SHE IS ISHTAR, SHE IS NOT PROPERLY DRESSED!
IT'S INEXCUSABLE THAT A MAN OF YOUR STATUS CANNOT PROVIDE PROPER RAIMENT FOR HIS CONCUBINE, PRINCE KAIL!
THE WIVES AND CONCUBINES OF THE OTHER PRINCES ALWAYS WEAR THEIR FINEST WHEN THEY COME HERE.

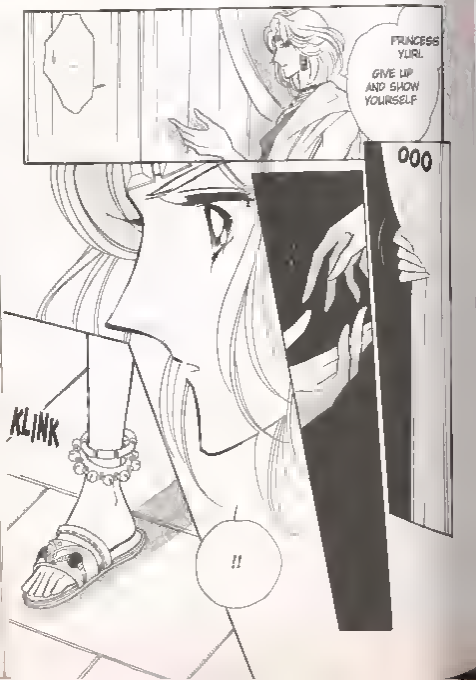

BE QUIET!
PRINCE KAIL GAVE ME A BEAUTIFUL DRESS.
BUT I CHOSE TO WEAR THIS
I AM TAKING ISSUE WITH PRINCE KAIL'S JUDGEMENT FOR BRINGING HIS CONCUBINE TO THE EMPEROR'S TABLE DRESSED LIKE A SLAVE!
THIS IS NONE OF YOUR AFFAIR!
THE PRINCE'S JUDGEMENT?
NEVER MIND YUKI
YOU LOOK FINE THE WAY YOU ARE
BUT
BUT
GASP
WHAT?
DON'T WORRY PRINCESS YUKI.
WE BROUGHT OTHER CLOTHES IN CASE OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS

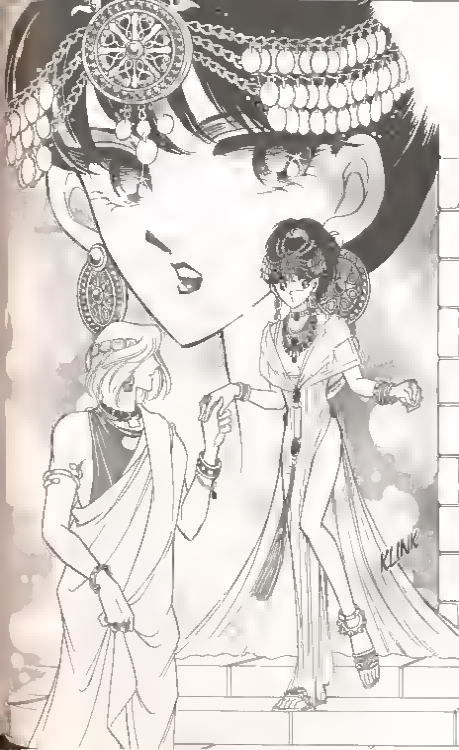

SMIRK
YES BUT
VERY WELL. THEN COME WITH US.
DOESN'T IT ANGER YOU TO HEAR THE QUEEN TALK TO YOU LIKE THAT?
YOUR HIGHNESS.
GIVE US A MOMENT.
VERY WELL
...WHAT IS SHE SCHEMING?
THE QUEEN IS UP TO SOMETHING WITH ALL THIS..

UH? CONCUBINE?
THE THIRD PRINCE, KAIL MURSILI, AND CONCUBINE...
AND CONCUBINES.
THE SECOND PRINCE, ROS TELIPINU, AND HIS WIFE...
AND CONCUBINES.
PRINCE SAUL ARNUWANDA!
AND CONCUBINES.
KAIL
WHERE IS YOUR ISHTAR?
HIS.
GLARE
SHE'S TOO ASHAMED TO SHOW HERSELF IN THOSE CLOTHES
I'LL BET


THE MORNING STAR AWAITS THE DAWN.
BE PATIENT A MOMENT LONGER.
HMPH! HE'S PLAYING HER UP AGAIN
WHAT OF YOU ZANNANZA?
NOW THAT KAL HAS A CONCUBINE YOU ARE THE ONLY PRINCE WITHOUT A WOMAN.
YES.
I SUPPOSE I SHALL FIND ONE SOON
PARDON ME
PRINCESS YURI WILL NOW MAKE HER ENTRANCE.


MURMUR
I'M TOO EMBARRASSED TO BE SEEN IN A DRESS
WHAT'S WRONG, PRINCESS YUKI?
IT SEEMS THE CURTAIN IS VERY HEAVY.
heh heh
I'LL ESCORT HER OUT


PRINCESS YURI
GIVE UP AND SHOW YOURSELF
000
KLINK
!!

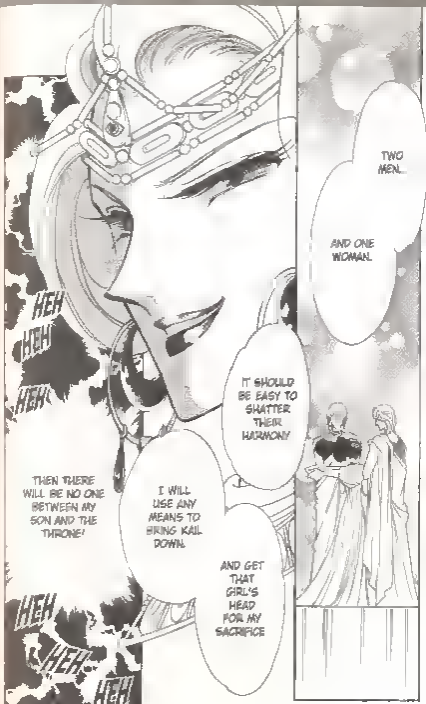

KUNE

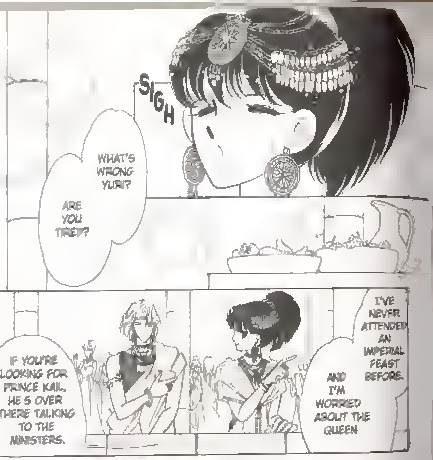
WHAP
CLUNK

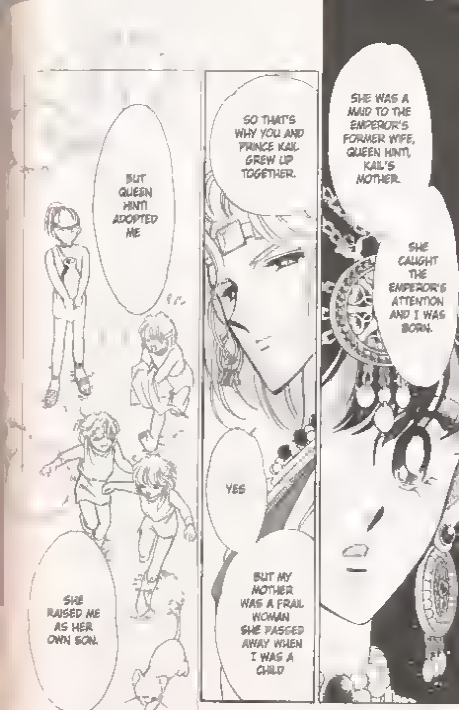
DO I LOOK THAT STUPID?
WHY ARE THEY STARING?

TMP
OOPS!
CAREFUL!
SORRY! I'M NOT USED TO WALKING IN FANCY GOWNS
FORGIVE ME FOR STARING SO...

SHE... SHE'S BEAUTIFUL!
KRASH
OOOH!
YOU ARE THE GODDESS OF BEAUTY, INTEF!
YOU ARE RAMANI!
AMAZING! I HAPPILY RECOGNIZE YOU!
IT'S TRUE!
HE FOUND A RARE GEM FOR HIMSELF
PRINCE KAIL WAS WISE TO WAIT

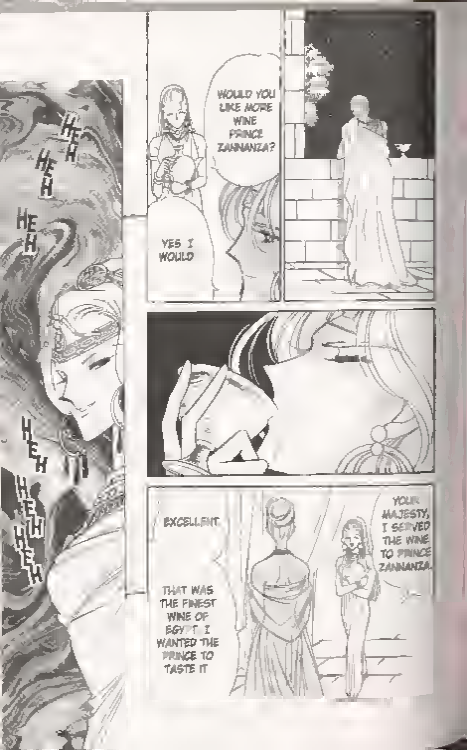

TWO MEN...
AND ONE WOMAN.
IT SHOULD BE EASY TO SHATTER THEIR HARMONY
I WILL USE ANY MEANS TO BRING KAIL DOWN.
AND GET THAT GIRL'S HEAD FOR MY SACRIFICE
THEN THERE WILL BE NO ONE BETWEEN MY SON AND THE THRONE!
HEH HEH HEH
HEH HEH HEH


SIGH
WHAT'S WRONG YURI?
ARE YOU TIRED?
I'VE NEVER ATTENDED AN IMPERIAL FEAST BEFORE.
AND I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE QUEEN
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR PRINCE KAIL, HE'S OVER THERE TALKING TO THE MINISTERS.
YOU LOOK VERY MUCH LIKE MY MOTHER.
YOU SURPRISED ME...
I'M NOT LOOKING FOR KAIL.


SHE WAS A MAID TO THE EMPEROR'S FORMER WIFE, QUEEN HINTI, KAIL'S MOTHER.
SHE CAUGHT THE EMPEROR'S ATTENTION AND I WAS BORN.
SO THAT'S WHY YOU AND PRINCE KAIL GREW UP TOGETHER.
YES
BUT MY MOTHER WAS A FRAIL WOMAN SHE PASSED AWAY WHEN I WAS A CHILD
BUT QUEEN HINTI ADOPTED ME
SHE RAISED ME AS HER OWN SON.

MY MOTHER WAS SMALL AND THIN.
LIKE A YOUNG WOMAN.
LIKE YOU.
YUKI, COME HERE, PLEASE
I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO OUR MINISTERS.
EXCUSE ME PRINCE ZANNANZA.
I HAVE TO GO

PRINCE ZANNANZA
HELLO, ILRAN.
I FEEL LIKE DRINKING A BIT MORE THAN USUAL.
WILL YOU DRINK WITH ME?
YOUR HIGHNESS, YOU SHOULD FIND YOURSELF A WIFE OR CONCUBINE SOON
A WOMAN WHO BELONGS TO YOU.
I WASN'T TRYING TO.
YOU MISUNDERSTAND ME

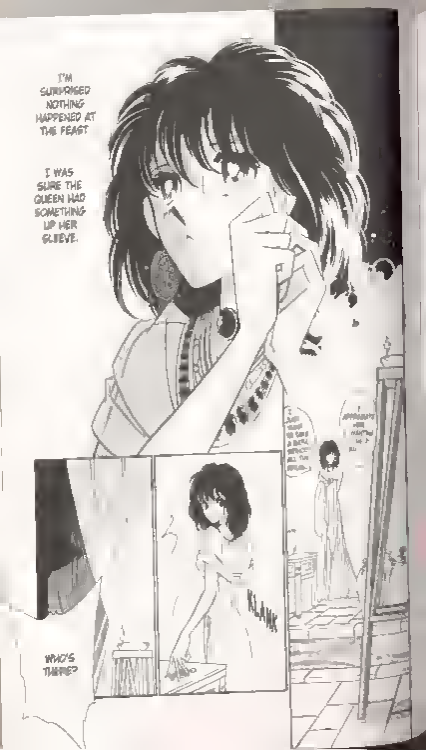

WOULD YOU LIKE MORE WINE PRINCE ZANNANZA?
YES I WOULD
HEH HEH HEH
HEH HEH HEH HEH
EXCELLENT
THAT WAS THE FINEST WINE OF EGY T I WANTED THE PRINCE TO TASTE IT
YOUR MAJESTY, I SERVED THE WINE TO PRINCE ZANNANZA.

I FEEL FEVERISH
MY HEAD IS POUNDING
PRINCE ZANAANZA...
WHAT YOU JUST DRANK
IS CALLED "ROSE WATER."
WHOOM
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
HEH HEH HEH
YOU'RE A YOUNG AND HANDSOME PRINCE...
YOU MUST HAVE STRONG DESIRES YOU NEED NOT SUPPRESS THEM.
HEH HEH HEH

DON'T BE TIMID...
SEIZE WHAT YOU WANT!!
I WANT
I WANT THAT GIRL

I WANT THAT GIRL!
AHH. HOME AT LAST
I HATE THIS CLUMSY DRESS!
I'M GOING TO CHANGE RIGHT NOW

VERY WELL.
I SHALL PREPARE A BATH FOR YOU.
I'LL LIKE TO BATHE ALONE TONIGHT HAPI.
BUT WHO WILL SCRUB YOU?
I CAN DO IT MYSELF. THANKS!
IT'S ALL RIGHT HAPI.
LET HER DO WHAT SHE WANTS.
I WANT HER!!


I'M SURPRISED NOTHING HAPPENED AT THE FEAST.
I WAS SURE THE QUEEN HAD SOMETHING UP HER SLEEVE.
I JUST WANT TO TAKE A BATH, WITHOUT ALL THE DRAMA.
APPARENTLY HER HEARING IS ALSO...
KLANK
WHO'S THERE?

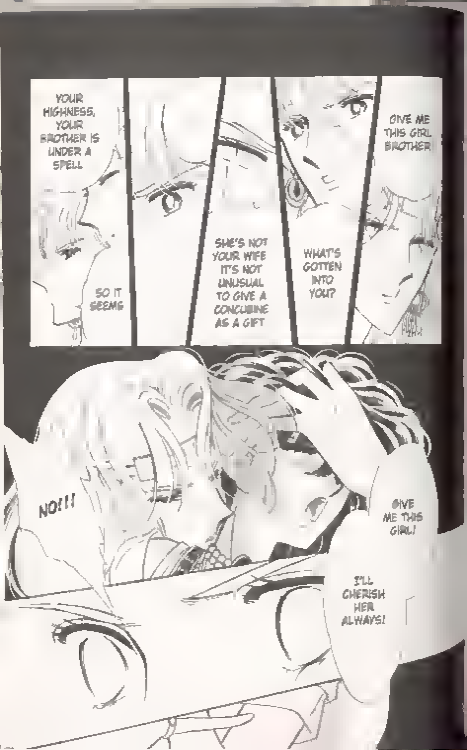
?!
PRINCE ZANNINZA?!
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
HE SEEMS DIFFERENT

WHEW
OH!
?!
PLASH
PLASH
?
AAAH!!
SPLASH!

HELP!!!
PRINCE KAIL!!!
YURI?!

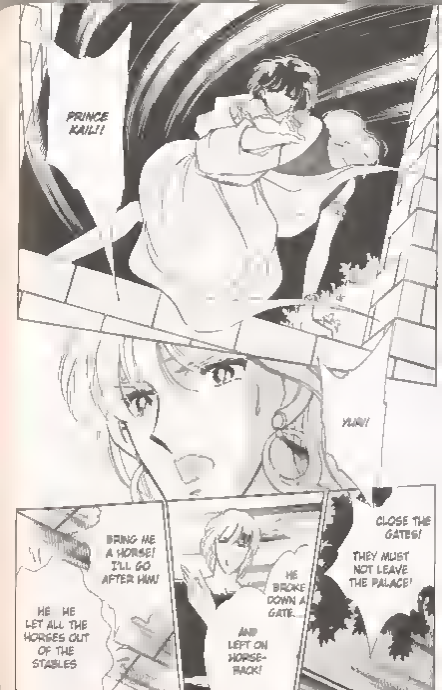
DON'T RUN FROM ME!
YURI...
WHAT.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! ARE YOU DRUNK?!
AAAH!
NO! LET GO OF ME!
GASP
I WANT YOU.

ZANNANZA?!
HELP ME!
OH!
WAP
ZANN-ANZA!
GET HOLD OF YOUR-SELF!


YOUR HIGHNESS, YOUR BROTHER IS UNDER A SPELL
SO IT SEEMS
SHE'S NOT YOUR WIFE IT'S NOT UNUSUAL TO GIVE A CONCUBINE AS A GIFT
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
GIVE ME THIS GIRL, BROTHER
NO!!!
GIVE ME THIS GIRL!
I'LL CHERISH HER ALWAYS!

IF I CAN'T HAVE HER...
NO ONE ELSE WILL!
WAIT HIKIKUMI-- HE MEANS IT
PRINCE ZAHN-ANTA!

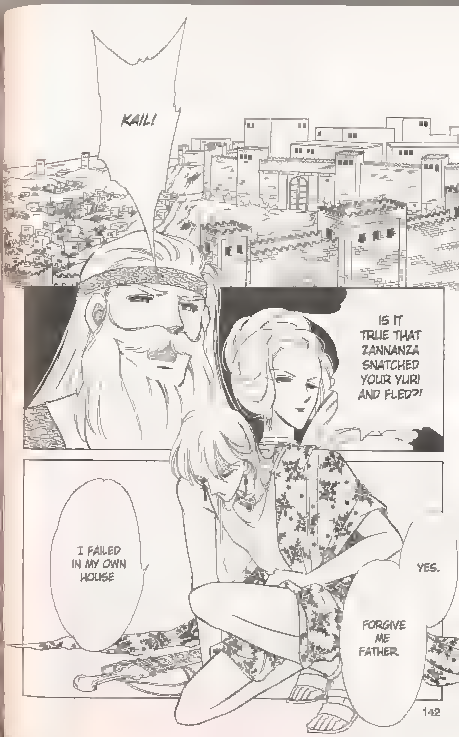
WHAK
ZAHNANZA!!
WAP

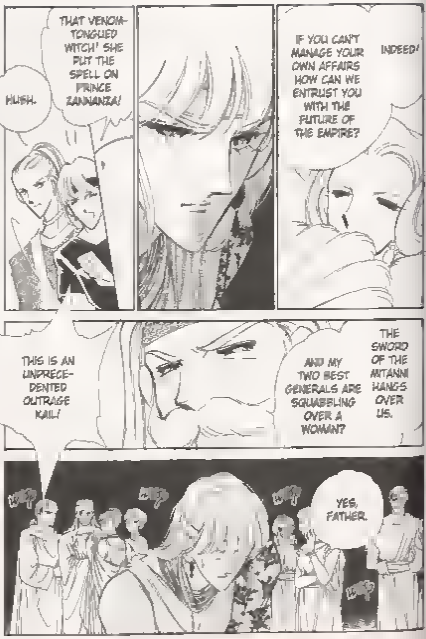

PRINCE KAIL!!
YUKI!
CLOSE THE GATES!
THEY MUST NOT LEAVE THE PALACE!
HE BROKE DOWN A GATE...
AND LEFT ON HORSE-BACK!
BRING ME A HORSE! I'LL GO AFTER HIM!
HE HE LET ALL THE HORSES OUT OF THE STABLES

TA-RUMP
TA-RUMP
TA-RUMP
PRINCE! PLEASE GO BACK TO THE PALACE!
PLEASE!
WHAT?
GASP
THAT WITCH MUST HAVE...
HE LOOKS THE WAY TITO DID WHEN HE WAS UNDER THE QUEEN'S SPELL

KLOP
KLOP
KLOP
KLOP
GUARDS!
OPEN THE GATES!
OPEN THEM NOW I SAY!
WE CAN ONLY OPEN THE GATES AT NIGHT BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR!
PRINCE ZIANRANCA...
IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIVES!!

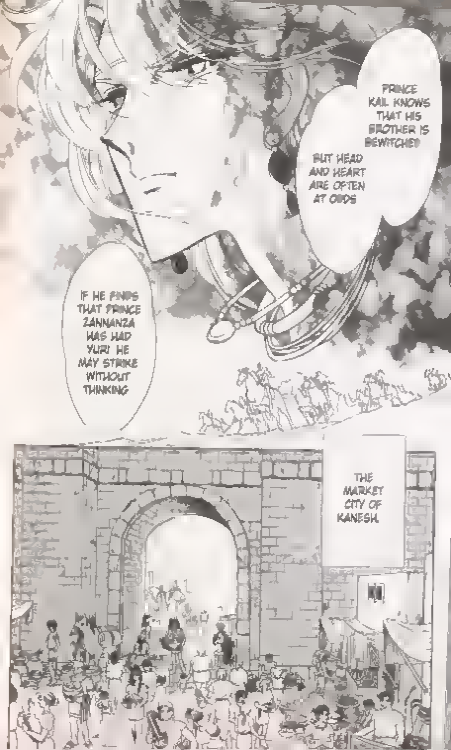
PRINCE KAIL!
PRINCE ZANNANZA FORCED THE GUARDS TO OPEN THE CITY GATES!
WHAT?
GUARD WHICH WAY DID HE GO?
HE RODE SOUTH, YOUR HIGHNESS!
SOUTH?
TO THE SOUTH LIES, ...
THE CITY OF KANESH, WHICH ZANNANZA RULES.


KAIL!
IS IT TRUE THAT ZANNANZA SNATCHED YOUR YURI AND FLED?!
I FAILED IN MY OWN HOUSE
YES.
FORGIVE ME FATHER.

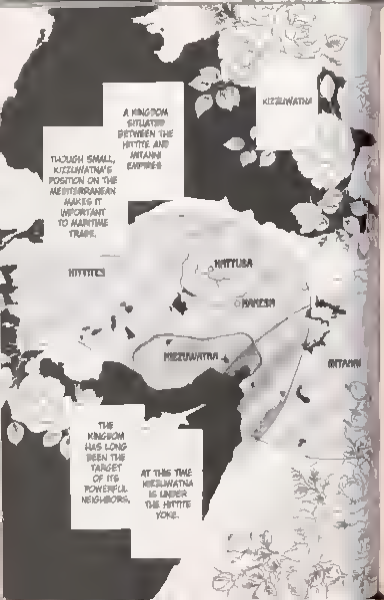

HUSH.
THAT VENOM-TONGUED WITCH! SHE PUT THE SPELL ON PRINCE ZANNANZA!
INDEED!
IF YOU CAN'T MANAGE YOUR OWN AFFAIRS HOW CAN WE ENTRUST YOU WITH THE FUTURE OF THE EMPIRE?
THIS IS AN UNPRECEDENTED OUTRAGE KAIL!
AND MY TWO BEST GENERALS ARE SQUABBLING OVER A WOMAN?
THE SWORD OF THE MITANNI HANGS OVER US.
YES, FATHER.

FATHER, PERMIT ME TO GO AFTER ZANNANZA.
YOU MUST PREPARE TO FIGHT THE MITANNI, KAIL!
I WILL NOT NEGLECT THAT DUTY PLEASE!
BUT IF YOU FAIL, THE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE DIRE.
VERY WELL KAIL
WE RIDE FOR KANESH, KIKKURI.
NOW!
YOUR HIGHNESS, PLEASE TAKE US WITH YOU!
I-BANI, MANAGE MY AFFAIRS WHILE I'M GONE
AND MAKE SURE OUR ARMIES ARE READY TO FIGHT THE MOMENT I RETURN.
AS YOU WISH, YOUR HIGHNESS

HEH HEH HEH HEH
HEH HEH HEH
KAI'S REPUTATION WILL BE RUINED
HEH HEH
AND WHEN ZANNANZA DEFLOWERS THAT GIRL, BROTHERLY LOVE WILL TURN TO HATE
I CAN HARDLY WAIT, URUH!
THEN IT WILL BE EASY FOR ME TO GET HER HEAD
YES, ILSAN?
KIKKURI
YOU MUST FIND PRINCE ZANNANZA BEFORE HE LAYS HANDS ON THE GIRL.

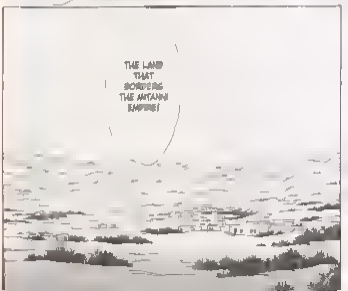

PRINCE KAIL KNOWS THAT HIS BROTHER IS BEWITCHED!
BUT HEAD AND HEART ARE OFTEN AT ODDS
IF HE FINDS THAT PRINCE ZANNANZA HAS HAD YURI HE MAY STRIKE WITHOUT THINKING
THE MARKET CITY OF KANESH.

WHAT?
PRINCE KAIL,
PRINCE ZANNANZA IS NOT HERE
HE GOT FRESH HORSES AND LEFT STRAIGHT AWAY
WHERE COULD HE BE HEADED?
HE'S BEEN RIDING WITHOUT A BREAK FOR THREE DAYS
I DON'T THINK ZANNANZA WOULD EXPOSE YURI TO DANGER.
I'M WORRIED ABOUT PRINCESS YURI IN THIS HEAT
BUT
WORRIED?


A KINGDOM SITUATED BETWEEN THE HITTITE AND MITANNI EMPIRES
ALTHOUGH SMALL, KIZZUWATNA'S POSITION ON THE MEDITERRANEAN MAKES IT IMPORTANT TO MARITIME TRADE.
KIZZUWATNA
HITTITES
HATTUSA
MUKISH
KIZZUWATNA
MITANNI
THE KINGDOM HAS LONG BEEN THE TARGET OF ITS POWERFUL NEIGHBORS.
AT THIS TIME KIZZUWATNA IS UNDER THE HITTITE YOKE.

FWAP
HE CONTINUES SOUTH.
WHICH WAY DID ZANNANZA GO?
KHALIM, WE PRESS ON.

YO K. I'LUWATNA.
SOUTH AGAIN?


THE LAND THAT BORDERS THE MITANNI EMPIRE!

THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO TRACK US THERE
WE'LL REACH KIZUWATNA SOON
HOW MUCH FARTHER WILL WE GO?
LET'S GO BACK!
PLEASE, PRINCE ZANNANZA!
hwf
hwf
hwf

INN-KEEP!
HAVE YOU A ROOM?
YES, MILORD. WELCOME!
AND..
LET NO ONE COME NEAR OUR ROOM
WE'LL BE HERE AWHILE. CARE WELL FOR MY HORSE!
WHATEVER YOU WISH, MILORD!!
CH-CHANK

WATER..
I NEED WATER.
UNH
glug
glug
glug
JUMP

OH!
SNIF
STOP IT!
GET OFF OF ME!
YOU'RE UNDER THE QUEEN'S SPELL!
SHE WANTS TO DRIVE A WEDGE BETWEEN YOU AND KAILI!

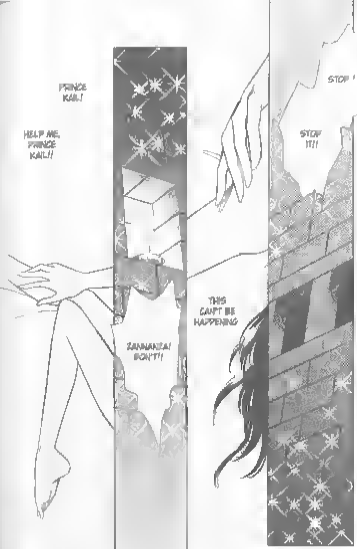
YES!
YOU'VE GOT TO SNAP OUT OF IT! LET'S GO BACK TO HATTUSA!
KAIL?
MY BROTHER.
OH BOY.
PEOPLE ARE DRAWN TO HIM!
HE HAD A KIND MOTHER AND SECURE FUTURE
I WAS ALWAYS JEALOUS OF HIM!
I'VE ALWAYS ENVIED HIM.

YUKI.
I WILL CHERISH YOU.
PLEASE BE MINE.
I WILL LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYONE CAN.
ZANNANKA!
STOP IT! SNAP OUT OF IT!!

WUMP
NO!!
I CAN TAKE YOU AS MY OFFICIAL WIFE.
SNIFF
MY BROTHER IS LIKELY TO INHERIT THE THRONE WHICH MEANS HE MUST MARRY ONE OF ROYAL BLOOD
BUT I AM UNDER NO SUCH LIMITATION.

NO!
I CAN'T
FIGHT HIM
OFF!

PRINCE KAIL!!
FWWWW
VEEEN
?!


PRINCE KAIL!
HELP ME, PRINCE KAIL!!
ZANNANZA! DON'T!!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING
STOP!
STOP!!!

WHAT IS THAT?
A FIRE?
PLEASE, BURN...
FIRE?
GOD I HOPE SO...
BAM
BAM BAM
MILADY!
MILORD!
BAM
HARALL-DERS! THEY'RE SACKING THE CITY!!
FLEE FOR YOUR LIVES!!

THE MITANNI HAVE COME!!
THE MITANNI?
THE PEOPLE PRINCE KAIL IS GOING TO WAR WITH?
WHOOM
OH!

Eeee
Eeee
Paah
CHUNK
NO!!

FWAH
Aaah
OH NO.
HOW HORRIBLE. HOW COULD THEY BE SO

trenble
trenble
TUK
trenble
IT IS A MITANNI ARROW ALL RIGHT.
!!
LET'S GO BACK TO HATTUSA!
WE HAVE TO TELL PRINCE KAIL ABOUT THIS!
MY BROTHER?
YES! LET'S GO!
WHAT HAS.
WHAT HAVE I

!!
GASP
WOOM
PRINCE ZAHHANZA!!

AAAH!!
TMP
TMP
TMP
GRAAGH!
SHINK
MINE TOO! LOOK, GOLD!
HEH HEH...
MURDERING AND PILLAGING ARE MY FAVORITE PARTS OF THIS JOB!
WAIT!
WE HAVE TO TELL PRINCE KAIL ABOUT THIS!
HE CAN'T UNDERSTAND
THE QUEEN'S SPELL IS TOO STRONG!

LET ME GO!!
WE HAVE TO WARN KAIL!!
YES, A GIRL!
A GIRL
HOLD, BROTHER!
GIVE HER TO US. WE'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER.
SHE DOESN'T DESIRE YOU
OH NO...
MITANNI SOLDIERS!

NO!
COME!
HAND HER OVER!
SHE'S WOMAN ENOUGH FOR ME
DON'T TOUCH ME!
SHE'S BUT A CHILD
MY WHAT A HANDSOME LAD!
AND RUNNING ABOUT UNARMED LIKE A WOMAN!
HA HA. A SPOILED BRAT WHO'S NEVER HELD A SWORD, I'LL WAGER!
PRINCE ZANA--
WHOA, GIRL...
YOU'LL COME WITH US!
WHACK

OH!
PRINCE ZANNANZA!
HOW CAN I BREAK THE SPELL?
HE WOULDN'T LET THEM BEAT HIM UP LIKE THAT IF HE WERE HIMSELF!!!
THUNK
PRINCE KAIL MADE TITO THROW UP WHEN HE HAD SWALLOWED THE QUEEN'S BLACK WATER.
STOP HITTING HIM!!

SORRY ZANNANZA!
THUMP
STOP HER!
OW!!
YOU LITTLE BRAT!
CHOP

OOF!!
OH
UP
BLOOGH
ROSE-COLORED WATER?!
SPLOOSH
SPLOOSH

KOFF
KOFF
KOFF
I NEARLY POKED UP MY LUNGS
WHAT AN AWFUL THING YOU DID TO ME, YURI!
YOU MIGHT HAVE KILLED ME!
ARE YOU... YOURSELF AGAIN?
WHAT?
I KIDNAPPED YOU AND...
OH! I REMEMBER!
PRINCE ZANNANZA, YOU'RE BACK!

WHAT ARE YOU TWO JABBERING ABOUT?
WAIT...
SHE CALLED HIM "PRINCE."
SURRENDER!
LOOK OUT!!
SHHIK
DON'T YOU TOUCH US!!
WHAT

I'LL APOLOGIZE PROPERLY LATER!
SLISH
FORGIVE ME YURI!
THANK GOD...
HE'S BACK TO NORMAL.

ZANNANZA IS AN EXCELLENT SWORDSMAN
I JUST HOPE HE CAN HANDLE SO MANY AT ONCE
WHAT IS THIS?
SUDDENLY HE ...
FIGHTS LIKE A LION!!

THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM!
JUMP
JUMP
JUMP
JUMP
HOW?
IS IT MAGIC?
COME, BROTHERS! AT HIM!
AGH!
YURI!! CATCH!!
KANK
WHAT?

WAP
?!
WAP
WAP
WAP
WAP
NOW...
GIVE THEM A TASTE OF YOUR TALENT!!

YOU GOT IT!
VREEN
YAPPING PUPS!
WE ARE THE MIYANNI! OUR STRENGTH IS LEGEND!

I LEARNED TO USE A SWORD SO THAT I COULD HELP PRINCE KAIL.
BY THE GODS... SHE IS GOOD!
KLANK
I HAVE TO LIVE TO WARN HIM OF THIS ATTACK.

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
WHOA, R-RETREAT!
NO!
AN OFFICER, EH?
WELL I HAVE QUESTIONS FOR YOU!
GRAAH!
SWOOSH
WELL DONE, YURI
YOU BLOCKED HIS ESCAPE!

huff
huff
huff
FWIP
NOW THEN.
NOW MANY OF YOU ARE THERE?
I'LL NEVER TELL YOU!
SHSSK
5,000 FOOT SOLDIERS, AND 500 WAR CHARIOTS!
SHUK
YOU WON'T BE VERY POPULAR WITH THE LADIES WITHOUT YOUR NOSE
WHA!!
CHA
NK

WHO LEADS YOUR FORCES?
HA HA... LISTEN AND TREMBLE~
THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS IS OUR LEADER!
WHO IS...
HE?
THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS?
HE WILL EXTERMINATE ALL OF YOU!!

HE IS MATTIWAZA.
CROWN PRINCE OF THE MITANNI.

HIS RUTHLESSNESS IS LEGENDARY...
HE BUTCHERS WOMEN AND CHILDREN HIS WAR CHARIOTS LEAVE A TRAIL OF BLOOD WHEREVER THEY GO!
THEY CALL HIM THE BLOODY PRINCE OF DARKNESS
MATTIWAZA IS THE MITANNI'S GREATEST GENERAL
IF THEY'VE SENT HIM AGAINST US, THEY MEAN TO DESTROY US FOR SURE.

PRINCE KAIL!!
AND IF THE MITANNI CONQUER KIZZUWATNA...
OUR BORDERS WILL LIE NAKED BEFORE MATTIWAZA'S HORDE!!

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